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## Fundamentalism's Great Softness

By  
Pastor Tod Brainard

Looking over the landscape of Fundamentalism is a sad sight to behold. Every practice, every standard, every article of clothing, all music, all versions, all worship, movie theater's, social drinking, you name it, everything is on the table, open for discussion and up for grabs. Things that were once taken for granted as solid Biblical precedent are now challenged as being archaic and pharisaical. Substitutes for the old standards are being hailed as “balanced” and “acceptable” and therefore all within Biblical parameters. Yet, the substitutes look just like the one's promoted by the world and the modern culture, and very few in the church are alarmed.

Fundamentalists have become like a band of teenagers who finally have come of age and now get to do the things they were told they could not do. The fact that their forebears established certain standards of excellence and forbid certain things because they had our welfare in mind is lost to this generation. “We can do what we want now, so let's do it” is the attitude of the moment. Such is the attitude in many “Fundamental” churches.

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## WHAT IS COMPLETE OBEDIENCE?

by  
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I Samuel 15:1-23  
Genesis 22:1-18

We are living in a time when obedience to God's commands has become a thing of the past.

Noah was known for his obedience.

*Genesis 6:22 - Thus did Noah: according to all that God commanded him, so did he.*

The Lord's very first communication with Adam demanded a response of obedience.

*Genesis 2:16-17 - And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*

I would like for us to make an observation in the life of the man Saul and the man Abraham in the matter of obedience to God.

In the life of Saul we will observe the perspective of man and in the life of Abraham we will observe the perspective of God in regards to obedience.

It was amazing to me when I began to study this word “obey” in the Old Testament. It means simply “to hear.” In the Scriptures we see the word “obey” occurring over and over again. In the Old Testament: obey & obeyed 77 times. In the New Testament: obey, obeying, obeyed, obedience 46 times.

In the New Testament we find two words for obey: In *Mark 4:41 - And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?*

The Greek word is hupakouo (hoop-ak-oo'-o); to hear under (as a subordinate), i.e. to listen attentively; by implication, to heed or conform to a command or authority: This is our duty, to do what God requires

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## EDITOR'S DESK

*But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation (James 5:12).*

*But as God is true, our word toward you was not yea and nay...but in him was yea (II Corinthians 1:18,19).*

Saying what you mean and meaning what you say has always been the challenge of leadership. The landscape of Fundamentalism is littered with former positions and statements of preachers and pastors. Pastors and churches that once stood for right have fallen into the ditch of compromise. The right positions are so stark against the backdrop of current religious thinking that they are being abandoned because they are considered so controversial. An intolerant culture and a spineless Fundamentalism provide the backdrop for abandonment of long held standards and principles so dearly loved by faithful saints of the past.

If a position is right, it should be held with conviction. **You cannot hold a position without crusading for it.** Backbone is required to maintain the right position. Modern "Fundamentalists" by and large have lost that clarity of understanding and courageous militancy that was characteristic of previous generations. The uncertain sound being trumpeted by most "Fundamental" preachers is deafening. James tells us that our yea should be yea and our nay, nay; **lest we fall into condemnation.** The Greek word here-translated "condemnation" in the KJV is *hupokrisis* meaning **hypocrisy**. In other words, sending forth mixed signals will soon lead to the unveiling of one's true identity as a hypocrite. Paul makes the comparison that, as God is true, Paul is true because he is giving God's revelation free of

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## Observations of a Missionary Concerning Great Britain

By

**Missionary Ian Jamieson**

The following excerpt is from a prayer letter written by veteran Missionary Ian Jamieson. He and his wife, Cynthia, have served as Fundamental missionaries in both South Africa and Exeter, England. They are currently planting a new church in Blackpool, England.

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*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

*"The Lord hath been sore displeased with your fathers." Zechariah 1:2*

*"When nations are to perish in their sins, 'Tis in the church the leprosy begins."*

*Rejection of the Biblical Christian faith is no longer a modern day phenomenon in Britain. It now, in fact, spans generations with a longstanding national departure from the one true faith.*

*It is now 40 years since the permissive society first came upon us in the 1960's, and the deliberate undermining of our Christian culture has become the accepted norm. Removal of censorship relating to stage, printed page and screen is now of such longstanding nature that Godly restraint seems almost impossible. Co-habitation outside of marriage has become so deeply entrenched that it now is regarded as strange for a courting couple not to be living together.*

*We regularly ferry 15 children to Sunday school and it is encouraging to hear them say how they look forward to Sunday. They soon*

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# FOCUS ON RELIGION



## Roman Catholicism, Reformed Covenant Theology and Israel

By  
Pastor Tod Brainard

If you were to travel to Strasburg, France you would find the beautiful *Cathe'drale Notre-Dame-de Strasburg*. The south entrance to the Cathedral bears ornate, carved stonework depicting the "Coronation of the Virgin Mary." On the left of the depiction is a carving of a figure known as "Ecclesia." "Ecclesia" represents the mighty, victorious Church. On the right is "Synagoga," which depicts the defeated nation of Israel. The crowned woman of "Ecclesia" holds a chalice in one hand and in the other hand, a banner with a cross atop a staff. The woman of "Synagoga" is blindfolded; her head lowered, and she holds a broken spear in one hand as the Two Tables of the Law are depicted as falling out of her grasp. As you look downward at "Synagoga" you see resting at her feet an overturned crown.

The message communicated on this carved stonework is that the Church has replaced Israel in God's plan. This message has been emblazoned on the Strasbourg Cathedral since the early 1200's. Interestingly, there are Protestant churches who embrace this same Replacement Theology which is one of the key platforms of Roman Catholicism. How can this be?

### Chrysostom's View

John Chrysostom (AD 347-407) was the first Roman Catholic to articulate Replacement Theology. Chrysostom was a Roman Catholic monk who became the archbishop of Constantinople around AD 381. Historical writings indicate that Chrysostom was anti-Semitic. Due to

his hatred for Israel, he taught that God had replaced Israel with the present day Church, fulfilling all the promises to Israel in the Church. For his support, he used Matthew 21:43 as his proof text, *Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*. This same verse is used by Post-Millennialists and Amillennialists to support their denial of the literal and future fulfillment of God's unconditional covenants to Israel.<sup>1</sup>

Two things come to mind here. First, it seems clear from the context of this verse that Jesus Christ was condemning the *Jewish religious leaders* (the "you" in verse 43—those leaders recognized that Jesus was speaking of them, vs. 45) and not the nation of Israel. In order to make this verse grounds for the Replacement position, you must set aside simple grammar rules and a single-sense, literal interpretation of the text. Second, the Church is not a "nation." The Church is made of Jews and Gentiles alike irregardless of ethnicity or nationality, for there is now no difference in Christ Jesus (Romans 10:12; Gal. 2:14; 3:28; Col. 3:11). Israel has only been set aside temporarily as to her agency, not as to her covenants and future glory (Romans 11:1-4; 17-32).

The promotion and teaching of Replacement Theology has been responsible for many "Christians" turning against Israel and the Jewish people. A careful study of the history of Replacement Theology shows that wherever the doctrine has been

embraced there has been a subsequent anti-Semitic increase.<sup>2</sup>

### Common Ground?

Genuine Protestants have always stood against Roman Catholicism. Today, however, the hue and cry is for unity at all costs. Replacement Theology is one area of commonality between Catholics and some Protestant groups that is promoted as ground for ecumenics. Be wary of individuals who talk of "the kingdom" now in this age. These individuals, whether they realize it or not, are promoting the Roman Catholic doctrine of Replacement. The "kingdom" relates to Israel and the "kingdom" will not be established until Christ comes and sets it up (Revelation 19:11-16).

Covenant Theologians are in error when they promote the replacement of Israel by the Church because they are denying the Scriptures that clearly show the future fulfillment of the unconditional covenants (Abrahamic-Genesis 12:1-3; 15:1-21; Davidic - II Samuel 7:14-16; New Covenant - Jeremiah 31:31-34) to Israel. A historical, grammatical, literal interpretation of the Bible turns Replacement Theology on its ear. It is my view that Covenant Theology is unwittingly joined at the hip with heretical Roman Catholicism in support of the false doctrine of Replacement Theology.

### It Does Matter!

There are those who believe that prophecy is somewhat less a

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### **Anxiety About Being Too Strong**

There are preachers who know what is right and they can articulate what is right, but they are afraid of taking too strong a stand for the LORD. If they sound out too strongly, they may be labeled by the talking heads of Fundamentalism as “trouble-makers” and be blacklisted, losing speaking opportunities, honors from Bible colleges and universities, and removal from consideration for potential leadership positions themselves. Certainly, pastors should be responsible and use good discernment so as not bring shame on the work of the LORD by overreacting to issues that are inconsequential. That being said, pastors who are overly concerned about perceptions of being “too strong” generally only take stands that are approved by the “group” or that cost them very little.

### **Jesus Spoke With Authority**

Unlike the Scribes, Jesus taught the people as one having authority. As preachers of the Word, we are not to give out options and theories to our people. We are to believe the Word of God and wholly recognize that the authority of Heaven is behind its words. The Scribes knew nothing of that authority and power behind their words and the people could tell the difference. An old-fashioned belief that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God should put some starch in a preacher’s spine and bring him to experience the power of the Spirit in his ministry.

### **Powerful Words**

Like Eli, the High Priest of old, many preachers know what is right, they know how to articulate what is right, but they cannot wield authority to enforce what is right because they are afraid of the reaction that will ensue ( I Samuel 2:22-36; 3:11 – 14).

Our Lord had no stomach for the softness of Eli. God killed his two boys, the ark of the Covenant was taken away from the Tabernacle by the Philistines, and Eli died. In the place of the spineless Eli, God put Samuel and the Bible says, “*And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground*” (I Samuel 3:19).

That one phrase indicates that God purposed to make Samuel His voice of authority as the last of the Judges. The days of Eli with his persuasive talk that lacked authority had come to a close. Samuel became God's enforcer of right, a true authority figure in Israel. When Saul disobeyed God's commands in regard to the Amalekites, it was Samuel that took up the sword and hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal (I Samuel 15:33). Obviously, the New Testament preacher does not take a literal sword and dispatch those he deems trouble makers. Yet, the Sword of the Spirit must be taken from the sheath and wielded against the flesh and the Devil. Being perceived as “too strong” should not be the concern of the hour; it is the perception of being “too weak” that should concern the preachers of God's Word.

### **Toe the Party Line**

There are certain people and agencies of Fundamentalism who are considered untouchable because of their stature. For instance, if you criticize or expose the leaders or agencies leading the decline of music standards and Biblical preaching in Fundamentalism you will be hung out to dry. Therefore, toeing the party line has become the choice for many pastors.

Keep in mind, dear pastor, that you will be held accountable before God as to the music standards you allowed in your church. Excuses such as, “I am not a musician” will not cut it before the throne of Christ.

Accepting weak music standards by default because everybody else does it will not be accepted either. You must be a Samuel in your place of ministry without fear and take the pulpit and the church back to God's standards. This will probably cost you families, friends and invites. This will no doubt put you outside the realm of “popular” Fundamentalism; however, the glory and holiness of the name of the LORD is at stake here, not your rise to fame.

### **Staying Safe**

It is far better never to start down the wrong road than it is to go down the wrong road and try to turn around. What is often not understood in Fundamental churches is that once you begin down the wrong road you lose control of your situation. Your walk down the wrong road is now controlled by the *unintended* consequences of your choice to move in the wrong direction. It is far easier not to begin to go wrong, than it is to turn back and do better after beginning. **The safe course is to never take one step down the wrong road.** However, *this profound principle escapes the modern Fundamental church.* Rather than adhering to the Biblical and historic faith which is built on the solid foundation of the Word of God, Fundamentalists have become shoppers for their belief systems. The Mall of Ideas is open for business and people in our Fundamental churches are out shopping and bringing home their “mixed and matched beliefs” tailored to their likings.

### **Look to Yourselves**

II and III John are epistles that pastors need to spend a great deal of time studying in these days of compromise and shallowness. II John 7 is a constant reminder to

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## Proverb Practicals

By Ludwig Opager

**Proverbs 25:21,22 — If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.**

Jesus said in **Matt. 5:46: For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same?**

Put in the vernacular of today, it might be: Big deal, so you love your father, mother, sister and brother. Do you love them for benefit? Is there a hidden agenda in your love? If so, this is your reward. Loving for profit is certainly not Godly love!

Jesus said: **Love your enemies, That ye may be the children of your Father.** So loving our enemies marks us as children of the Father. If the Father loves enemies, the son is to love them also. If the son loves the Father, he loves to copy the Father. Are we not predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son? A little boy watches his father for he loves to do what his father does. So Jesus challenges His children to travel the high road, for loving one's enemies is an identifying mark of God's children.

You are not to be satisfied with the kind of love that extends to only those who love you but, by and only by the grace of God, you are to love your enemies. But you say there is no reward in that! If I love those who love me there will come instant benefit, but my enemy will not provide that!

Oh, faithless one! Oh, discoverer of your heart! Keep looking in the heart, and that is what you will conclude. Heart tells me this is impractical, this is too much to expect, this is too much to ask of anyone to humble himself and serve his enemy. Heart says there is no profit in such a thing! But if you look to the end of this proverb instead of listening to your deceitful heart, you will find the short phrase: **and the LORD shall reward thee.**

It all boils down to temporal benefit versus eternal benefit. What will you choose? Will you live your life on the altar of the immediate or the altar of the permanent? Will you feed your enemy? Will you give him water to drink? Do you think that these needs are so unusual that your enemy will not ever require these? Is God telling us to take advantage of the daily hunger and the daily thirsting of our enemy so that we may show him love? It seems so, for every day all enemies are hungry and thirsty.

Maybe he is telling us that we must love them at all times. The command is clear. We are to love in deed. We are to satisfy the needs of our enemy, not just giving platitudes, or words covering deceitful realities of the heart, not letting him control or dictate our conduct by his

conduct, but measuring our conduct according to our wonderful Savior and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ who loved His enemies and gave His life for them.

He is the bread of life and the living water. We are told in this proverb: **If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:** What better bread is there than the bread of life and what better water than the living water?

So Jesus conquers His enemies, overcoming evil with good by giving them the bread of life and living water. In like manner, He sent His Holy Spirit to heap coals of fire upon our heads to melt the metal of our hard hearts. Our hard and stubborn spirit was softened and melted by the coals of fire that accompanied the love of God given to overcome our evil.

This is what loving your enemies is all about: overcoming evil.

**God is an overcomer of evil and His children are to do likewise. Evil for evil does not overcome, but love given in trade for evil melts and softens the heart of an enemy. God desires that our testimony be such that evil flees when we are around. God is not**

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confusion and double-speak. This is the role of the preacher.

**There is too much confusion in Fundamentalism today because of our lack of strong character and watered-down knowledge of the Word. That is the work of Satan in our midst. There must be a return to Biblical faith and standards or we will lose what our forebears fought faithfully for in generations past. Ω**

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of us. It was the duty of the sea to obey God, for God was its master, creator, and God had a right to dictate what He so desired of His creation. He demanded the duty of obedience of all His children.

**Act 5:29 - "Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men."** Another word in the Greek is *peitharcho* (*pi-tharkh-eh'-o*); *to be persuaded by a ruler, i.e. (genitive case) to submit to authority; by analogy, to conform to advice:* To me this is the greater truth: We are to obey God rather than men because He is God. We must obey God for this is right. He is our sovereign Lord, we are to love Him and desire to obey Him for this is what pleases Him.

**Now let's look at this man Saul and his perspective of obedience.** What was Saul's perspective of obedience? ***I Samuel 15:13 - "And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of the Lord."*** When Saul returned from the battle he was delighting in the fact that he had obeyed God. The question is, did he really obey the Word of God? In verse 3, God made it clear that Saul was to smite the Amalekites and utterly destroy all they had and not spare anything or anyone. Saul's perspective of obedience was "incomplete obedience is complete obedience." Notice verses 9 and 20 again!

What was Samuel's response to Saul's delight in his obedience to God? ***I Samuel 15: 18-19 - "And the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the Lord, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the Lord?"*** Saul, in fact, took what was devoted to destruction and spoiled the possession of God. Saul thought he knew better than God, and instead of simply obeying the Word of God, he did it his way and brought the anger of God upon his own life.

God's perspective of what Saul did was borne of a

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*spill the beans as to what is going on at home with "Mom's new boyfriend has moved in" and another introduction, "This is my new dad and they hope to get married next year." It is shocking to determine that only two of our children come from homes with married parents. Little wonder it is so difficult to get parents through the church door.*

*I pen this letter after having our Sunday evening service thoroughly disrupted by a rolling brawl spilling out of the nearby beer garden with drunken grown men fighting in the street ending up in a riot with their wives/girlfriends and children all running with the melee. The profanity and language was terrible reflecting scant regard for the sacred institutions of the church and Sunday.*

*Professing Christians have, too, become lax in using commercial services on the Lord's day. Any hope of recapturing the honour of Sunday by shutting supermarkets or curtailing professional sport is something of a pipe dream. A whole generation has grown up with no apprehension at all that the first day of the week should actually be different...*

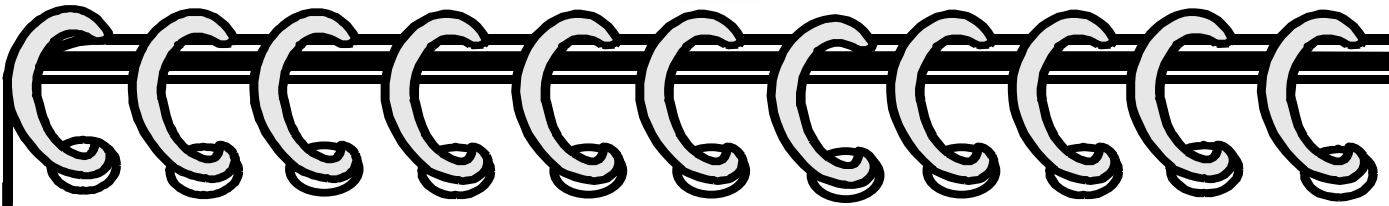
Editor's Comment:

When we think of the history of Great Britain and the great Gospel preaching churches that then sent out hundreds of missionaries around the world, our hearts are grieved by the decline of Fundamental churches in Great Britain today. Dr. Monroe Parker used to say that America's moral and religious character was 20 years behind that of Great Britain. If that is true, America is headed to national disaster. According to statistics, less than 10 percent of Britans attend church. Great Britain is now a secular nation with little regard for its heritage of Christianity. Fundamental pastors and preachers should not bury their heads in the sand and think it will be different here. We must preach the Gospel with renewed vigor but understand that the Apostasy is sweeping the Church and the world in preparation for the coming of Christ. Ω



**The PROJECTOR** appreciates your prayers and gifts!





*Teaching Tips*

*by Doris Peppard*

## An Open Letter to Parents

When students progress from one school to another (elementary to middle school, middle school to high school, or high school to college) there are quite a few adjustments to be made. Often parents assume that their child will make a smooth transition without realizing that with each new transition comes new responsibilities. We can make this process a bit smoother by educating the parents about what to expect from their child. The jump from elementary school to middle school offers many new opportunities for students to mature and learn to take on these responsibilities. After all, middle school is that time for students to transition from child to teenager. The following is a portion of a letter I send to the parents of all new students entering our middle school for the first time. The information contained in it seems to help parents adjust to the differences between elementary and middle school.

Dear     (Parent's Name)    ,

We appreciate your concern that we provide the best possible educational experience for (Child's name) and have made up this list of general advice for parents of middle school students. This list should help your child make the transition from elementary school to middle school as smooth as possible.

- 1) Students in middle school must learn to **organize their time, notebooks, and lockers**. This is no small task, and it will take most of the middle school years for the students to thoroughly learn to organize themselves. (The child whose parents require him/her to keep his/her room clean, will have the easiest time learning this). Will the students ever forget to bring the right text book, notebook, or homework assignment to class? Yes. They must be allowed to learn to accept consequences when they forget. Allow your child to make these mistakes and learn from them without making excuses for them. If that costs them (by making a trip to see the Principal, etc.) let that happen – it is the natural consequence! (There are far worse things than having to come to the Principal's Office!) This will help your child learn to take correction without Mama or Daddy making excuses for them and without anyone to blame but themselves. This is a good lesson and part of the growing up process. Remember, when they were learning to walk, they fell a few times! They lived through that and will live through this as well. It is entirely normal for children to “mess up” at some time or other. That is the only way to learn certain lessons!
- 2) Teachers are here to help your child. **Support them** – not your child – when there is a behavioral issue. All children enter middle school with flaws in their character that we want to see improve – some talk too much, some are sloppy, some don't talk enough, some are too emotional, some have bad attitudes, some are afraid of their own shadow, etc. All these traits need working on and our teachers are there to help. Let them do their job.
- 3) If your child comes home complaining about the teacher, **listen but do not get emotionally involved**. Discuss any issues you wish with the teacher privately, but in front of your child be totally that teacher's best friend. Your child should never know if you ever disagree with a teacher – that will do him/her more harm than you can imagine.
- 4) **Expect your child's grades to drop a tad** when they enter a new level of academics. This is a normal adjustment – this is what helps your child grow up to accept new responsibilities that will come their way throughout their lives. It usually takes students time to adjust to, understand, and survive the middle-school years, even more time to adjust to the teen-age years, and college,... well, you get the picture. Allow them to make these normal adjustments – you need to be there to guide and provide direction, but not to “carry” them through this time of adjustment. By the way, their grades **will** rebound when they learn to handle the adjustment to a new level of education.
- 5) Remember II Timothy 2:3, “Thou therefore endure **hardness**, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.” (The teachers I remember and love most fondly were the ones who were the hardest.) Teachers must set their standards high and be hard on students in order to get them to struggle to meet these expectations. All the character building

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traits we are working on will help prepare your child for the “hardness” life will one day bring their way. No adult is immune from this struggle. If you take that struggle away from your child, they will be the loser. Trust us to gently help develop character in your child’s life. Parents will definitely have the most influence over their children. We can only help your child if you are willing to turn them over to us during the school day to bring **hard** things into their life that will help mold and develop them further.

6) **We pray diligently** – daily – for your child(ren). We want to have a spiritual impact upon their lives. We genuinely care for their souls.

7) We realize **teachers are not perfect**. They will learn things this year themselves. (They will learn much more than they will teach.) They have been called by God to teach here and want to be approachable by both students and their parents. They know your child is an individual with individual needs. They will listen to your comments, concerns, and even complaints. I believe it is in your child’s best interest to keep the lines of communication open. If you need a private parent-teacher meeting, do not hesitate to ask, but don’t go to that meeting unless you are also willing to listen to the teacher’s plan and procedure to help your child. Give the teacher insights regarding your child, but remember, the teacher sets the agenda for the class as well as the lesson plan – not parents. Your child must learn to fit in to that teacher’s classroom. The best way to begin is to ask,

“What can my child do to succeed better in this class?” Keep in mind that the student is the one that must change, not the teacher.

8) Always **give your child’s teachers the benefit of the doubt**. Allow the teacher to work with your child to give him/her an extra bit of advice, academic help, or encouragement. When teachers take the time to correct, encourage, and yes, even correct or punish your child, you have positive proof that he/she truly cares for him/her. At the middle school level your child will have to learn to adjust to more than one teacher at a time. One of the most important parts of a student’s education involves learning what each teacher requires and how to prepare for their lessons and tests. The end benefit of this is to prepare our students to do their best work for their employers when they enter the job market and their best work for the Lord as they serve Him.

Thank you for taking time to read this list. We want you to realize that we will do everything in our power to make this year be successful for your child. All these things are truly for the good of your child. My office is always open to you if there is a problem or difficulty you would like addressed. I am glad your child is part of our school! I promise you that we will do our best to help your child make the critical adjustment from elementary to middle school.

Sincerely yours,

The Principal

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## Happy 100th Birthday to the “Happiest Old Man in Copiapo!”

A letter to the Editor from a long-time supporter and friend of The PROJECTOR

Dear Brethren:

Warm greetings in Christ from the Atacama Desert. Copiapo’ is not just an oasis in the desert, but a modern, computerized city of some 130,000 people, one of the large mining centers of Chile.

We thank God for the testimony of Dr. Hobbs down through the years. He is greatly missed, but he has left us a great legacy - an example to follow. *The Projector* was always very informative and challenging and, in the mercy and grace of the Lord Jesus, was and is an important factor in His enabling me to carry a fundamental, separated testimony for many years. Praise the Lord that Dr. Hobbs made adequate provision for the continuing of the ministry of *The*

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revelation than “doctrine” and therefore it does not matter what one believes in regard to eschatology and especially Israel and the Church. It does matter! How can we depend upon a God who promises salvation through His Son Jesus Christ and yet would change His mind and not fulfill His manifold promises to the nation of Israel? Can we trust God with our future if we doubt His plan for Israel carefully outlined in the books of Daniel and Revelation? Our God is trustworthy for He keeps His Word! AMEN! Ω

<sup>1</sup>Paul Martin Henebury, Journal of Dispensational Theology, *The Eschatology of Covenant Theology*, September 2006, Volume 10, No 30, pp. 12-13

<sup>2</sup>Rob Congdon, *Britain Faces Another ‘Darkest Hour’*, Global Report, Summer 2006, p.4.





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Projector in hands that are in full agreement with his life and teachings.

It is a privilege to send you a cheque for ...U.S funds. If possible, I would appreciate it if you could send me Aunt Carolyn's lesson on John 3:16, in Spanish, with the tape, and put the rest where most needed.

In God's goodness, on Nov. 3rd, I'll reach 100 years without too much trouble, according to my doctor. He thinks I may still have a couple of years still to go. I take all this with a grain of salt. It isn't how long you live, but how you live. I have made many mistakes, but God overruled most of them for good. Others He used to teach me more dependence on Himself. John Calvin said – "True wisdom is to be a learner all your life." Of course, I work under the authority of the Chilean Field Council on a yearly basis. Also I work under the direction of the Copiapo' Church, which we had the privilege of organizing back in 1985. I work in their outreach, preaching and teaching regularly. My motto is – "Stay off the benches; stay in the trenches." All the time that is left me is spent training the Chileans for the ministry. I enjoy my work immensely and am probably the happiest old man in Copiapo'!

May God continue to richly bless your important and fruitful ministry, every day in every way.

In Christ,  
George Black  
Chile, South America

Editors Note: What a great testimony of a faithful servant of the Lord.

# FOUNDER'S FORUM

By  
Dr. Dayton Hobbs



## SPEAKING FROM EXPERIENCE

### THINGS I AM LEARNING

(These notes taken from message to Christian teachers—August 2004)

#### Things in General

**1. Figure on the worst and hope for the best.** If you are prepared for whatever may happen, most of the time you will be pleasantly surprised. Our worst fears are rarely realized. It is much better to go to work crying and come home singing, than to go to work whistling and come home crying. Besides, those at home would much more appreciate your singing than your crying.

**2. Don't do anything till you know what to do.** Reject an "I hope it's the right thing to do" approach. God has no desire to keep you in the dark; He is the God of light. Sit on it! Wait! Doing nothing can often be the best decision anyway. Don't be pushed into action till you know what to do. You don't have to know how things will turn out. You only have to know you have done the right thing.

**3. Problems are for solving.** Situations unresolved only grow worse. Don't think if you ignore the problem it will go away. It will not! For the surrendered child of God,

problems come from God as well as blessings. Tackle a problem as soon as it is identified. By 'tackle' I do not mean to jump in unprepared. Some problems require much prayer to know how to approach the situation, while others require immediate action. Timing is very important to success in problem solving. My point is, set your will to solve the problem and don't let up till you have succeeded. Remember, problem solving is one of our chief means of growth. The Lord puts them in our path for our growth, the growth of any others involved, the success of the ministry, and ultimately the glory of God. I don't know many Christians who enjoy solving problems; they just do it!

**Try to keep the ball in the Lord's Court.** The ministry, whether pastoring, doing missionary work, running a school, teaching children in a classroom, or rearing children as parents, I often think of as a tennis match. The Lord hits the ball to me, and my responsibility is to do what He

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From Our House to Yours

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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"Unto you therefore which believe he is precious" (1 Peter 2:7).



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requires and, thereby, hit the ball back to Him. He returns the ball and another response is required of me, thereby returning the ball to His court. His serve or return requires action on my part. When my children were growing up, I knew I could not have an eye upon them all the time. I said, "Lord, when I see my children not doing right, I'll take care of it according to Your Word the best I know how, but when they are out of my sight, I will look to You to look after them. When You show me their misbehavior, I'll take care of it. I'm depending upon Your omnipresent eyesight when I don't know what they are up to." It proved to be a very good arrangement.

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**pleased if our life contributes to the increase and continuance of evil. So by this proverb He challenges us to warm our enemies into friends.**

Coals of fire are heaped when love is given to those who curse you, when love is shown for those who hate you, and prayer is offered for those who spitefully use and persecute you. We do not heap coals of fire to see our enemies squirm and feel ashamed of themselves. That is not a motive to do right. We heap coals of fire to overcome evil with good.

Our enemies may spurn our bread and water and may return evil for good, but remember the **LORD shall reward thee**. Our Lord loves mercy and goodness, and He loves for His children to resemble Him in mercy and goodness. When we use this important grace of loving our enemies, He loves to reward us greatly. Take the challenge of these proverbs!

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heart of rebellion and stubbornness. God views disobedience as rebellion, one that revolts, and stubbornness as one who is unreasonable, obstinate, inflexible. Disobedience in the eyes of God is in the same category of witchcraft and idolatry. Neither of these two sins (witchcraft and idolatry) was to be allowed among the children of Israel.

**On the other hand Abraham gives us the example of what God requires in obedience.**

God instructed Abraham to do three things: *Genesis 22:2 - "And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah: and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of."* 1) Take your only son, 2) go to Mount Moriah, and 3) offer him as a sacrifice there.

What was Abraham's response? *Genesis 22:3 - And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.* Abraham rose up early in the morning, prepared himself and did that which God told him to do.

There are four characteristics of proper obedience we see in the life of Abraham.

- Immediate — Abraham rose up early.
- Without question — He didn't spend time in prayer, he didn't say let's think about it. He immediately set about to do what God said.
- Without complaint — He didn't grumble or murmur.
- Complete — He did ALL that God commanded in the way that God had commanded.

Friends, to halfway obey God is to completely disobey God. Abraham completely obeyed God. He did exactly what the Lord required of him.

God dealt with both men in that He gave instructions of what was to be done. God told both men what to do; clearly and plainly. God gave both men clear instructions. God enabled both men to carry out their mission. God was with both men in carrying out their mission. Both men knew exactly what God desired of them. Both men received the consequences of their actions.

Saul had the kingdom rent from his hands by God. Abraham and his seed were blessed with physical and spiritual blessings. God desires us to completely obey him in all things. He will aid us and direct us just as He did Abraham.

Now, how do we learn to completely obey God? We must be born from above. The natural man cannot obey God; he does not have the ability or the wherewithal to do

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Stars  
of the Morning

THE BILLINGTON BOYS  
A True Story of Young Rebels Aboard the Mayflower  
by  
"Aunt Carolyn"

The Billington boys were nothing but trouble! They tried Governor Bradford's patience beyond sacred piety. Any man on board the Mayflower would have been glad to give them a good thrashing if they had been his sons. If one wasn't being chastened for carving on the Mayflower's cabin walls with his penknife, one was climbing up the ropes of the mast and having to be hauled down by a sailor. The Pilgrim fathers tried to help the rambunctious boys, but nothing did any good, and it was obvious that their father would not set a right example for them. He was a scoundrel himself. He was not a Pilgrim or believer in Christ but joined the voyage to America as one of the "strangers" who came for personal, selfish reasons. His fiery temper, vile cursing, and contentious spirit made him a detestable sailing companion. He was part of a rebel faction that tried to lead a mutiny on the ship and later stirred up more trouble on Plymouth colony. He only caused concern and controversy.

Young Francis nearly blew the Mayflower and her passengers and crew to smithereens when he lit his self-made squib "firecrackers" with a loaded musket in the cabin where the gunpowder kegs were stored! There was an open powder keg filled with deadly gun powder and more on the floor! Francis didn't care! He wanted to have some fun. He wanted to fire that old musket! And he did! -- BOOM! The old musket fairly exploded like a cannon in the small ship. There was a blinding light, a boom, a flash, and a crash! The din was deafening!

When the smoke finally cleared, Francis lay numb and scared half to death in a heap in the corner. He didn't know how he got there, but his

eyes burned, and his hands hurt! The ship was in an uproar. Angry sailors fought to put out the fires and scrambled everywhere searching for leaks in the ship. Frantic women tried to quiet their screaming children.

It was a wonder that there was no serious damage. Francis' squibs were no where to be found. Two or three of the old muskets had gone off, and the powder on the floor had flashed up in fire but burned out before reaching the powder kegs. Captain Standish was furious! If those powder kegs had exploded there would have been nothing left of the Mayflower but a few wooden chips floating on the ocean. It was a miracle that anybody escaped alive! Only God in His mercy had spared them and the ship!

Yes, the Billington boys were trouble. The Pilgrims nearly came to their wits' end with them, yet the whole colony rallied to the call when the alarm sounded one day. Young John Billington, now about six or seven years old, had wandered off into the woods and got lost.

"Well, he has really gotten himself into grave danger this time!" one Pilgrim remarked.

Grave danger, indeed! Some no doubt felt that he brought the trouble on himself, but no one wanted anything to happen to the child or have him meet death by starvation, by the elements or vicious wolves, or worse yet, death at the hands of savage Indians!

Search parties combed the woods, but there was no sign of the boy. They searched feverishly for a week and finally gave him up for dead. Wolves? Indians? No one knew. There were no clues. His distraught mother could not be comforted. To lose a son was sad enough, but not to know what happened to him was a grief too

heavy to bear.

All hope was gone. Then one day word came from Chief Massasoit that a boy had been found with Indians more than twenty miles away.

Governor Bradford gave an urgent call. "Who will go?" One man after another volunteered. This was no task for weak men. "Let those who are fathers go search. They know the value of a son and will not slacken or relent until the child is safe at home." Ten men took a little shallop and followed the coast searching coves and inlets as Squanto guided them. Time and distance grew longer. Hope seemed to fade. Then ahead they saw a curl of smoke up over the trees. No doubt that was the Indian village for which they were looking! A whoop of relief went up, but almost as fast, a whoop and yell went up from the Indians, who had spotted their boat.

The Indians came down upon them, bows and arrows drawn, ready to shoot. Squanto quickly cried, "Stay! Let true braves be friends!" and he explained Chief Massasoit's message and why they had come.

"The mother in her wigwam weeps for her lost boy. Have you found him?" Squanto asked.

"Ugh. We find boy," replied the chief, "but what you give sachem (chief) for white papoose?"

"Give? Why whatever you say! We prize the child's life! Name it! Name your price!"

A deadly silence fell as the Indians eyed the men. Pilgrim fears mounted as they wondered what terrible price the chief might demand. Then eyeing them sharply he cried, "A knife! A knife!"

"Good! Agreed! Agreed!" was the instant reply!

With great show the chief brought the boy to Squanto. Quickly

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the captain gave Squanto a shiny jackknife for the sachem – in fact, he gave him two!

Grateful and rejoicing the search party returned with their prize, astonished that the price seemed so low – a simple jackknife for a child’s life!

Thank God the wandering, lost lad was spared – his life in exchange for a jackknife. A boy whose mischief led him into danger and possible death was rescued by Christian men who had been gravely harmed by the lad’s own father and the boy’s own offenses. Patience and love led them to action when the boy’s life was at stake.

You are much like that boy. You, too, have gone your “own way” and sinned against the holy God who created you and loves you. Your wrong acts and ways show your sinful nature. You have not heeded the warnings of your parents and teachers. The Bible says that until we

are saved by faith in Jesus Christ, we are children of the Devil and do his will. Just as Francis and John, Jr. were rebellious and followed in the steps of their ungodly father, you show your sinful nature by following in the way of Satan. Lost in sin and far from God, your soul cannot be redeemed by anything as small as a jackknife or anything else however valuable it may seem. Jesus asked, “What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” (Mark 8:37). “They that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; none of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him; For the redemption of their soul is precious” (Psalm 49:6-8a). Just as the Pilgrims sought the lost boy, Jesus came to “seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10). You are lost in sin and cannot find your

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Fundamentalism)

**“Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward.”**

I fear that we are losing things that are important for things that are unimportant. May God raise up a remnant of men and women who will not take one step down the wrong road!

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so. **I Cor. 2:14 - “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**

We must learn to mortify the flesh. **II Cor. 10:3-5 - “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds: Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exaltesth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”** See also **Colossians 3:5-11.**

We must be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the only way we can mortify the

flesh and live obedient lives before God. **Ephesians 5:18 - And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.**

Ephesians 6:10-18 gives us our weapons of warfare so that we might be able to live our life in full obedience to God. We are to be that living sacrifice. This is our reasonable service before God. Simply and plainly—obey the Word of the living God.

Matthew says that we are to shine as the sun in the kingdom of our Father. We can only do this by hearing and obeying the Word of the Lord. **Matthew 13:43 - Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.**

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