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## Anemic Fundamentalism by Dr. Dayton Hobbs

*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein (Jer. 6:16).*

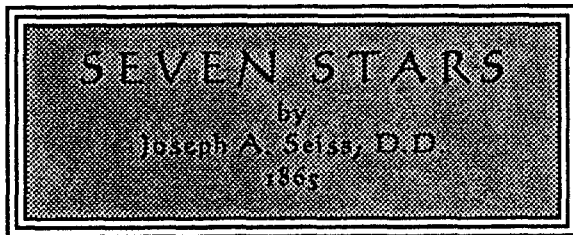
IT WOULD BE AMUSING if it weren't so sad. A great deal of the literature, brochures, and other materials I get through the mail describes a Fundamentalism that is too rash, harsh, and unloving, and Fundamentalist men who do not care for the disenfranchised, the hurting of our time—men who are

unwilling to adjust to the times and change their *modus-operandi* in order to meet needs of all these ailing individuals.

### WHO ARE THESE RASH FUNDAMENTALISTS?

There have always been irrational men in the ranks of Fundamentalism, and today is no exception. These men often take positions that are outrageous and then expect any who are to be included in their circle of accepted friends to take similar positions, or be written off as worthy

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AND HE HAD in his right hand seven stars (Rev. 1:16a). "The seven stars are the angels [ministers] of the seven Churches," and, as such, they are distinct from the candlesticks. Christ walks among the candlesticks, but He holds these ministers in his right hand. The democratic idea of Church organization, which makes all power proceed from the members, and makes the ministerial position nothing more than what inheres in every Christian, is thus scattered to the winds. Ministers have relations to Christ and to the Church, which ordinary Church members have not.

They partake directly of Christ's authority, and are responsible directly to him, and are upheld by His right hand, beyond the power of men or angels to displace them. What a lesson for ministers, as to the holiness of their office, the solemnity of their responsibilities, the necessity of unswerving fidelity, and the exercise of every confidence in their sacred functions. They are in Christ's hand. If they are unfaithful none can deliver them out of that hand; but if true to their position, none can touch them, or quench their light. They shall shine as the stars forever and ever. What a lesson for the people as

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to the authority of those ministrations which they are so prone to despise. Dealing with the regular ministers of the Churches, you are dealing with the jewels on Christ's right hand. And what a lesson for all as to the Divine majesty and glory of our Lord! The Pauls, and Johns, and Husses, and Luthers, and Cranmers, and Knoxes, and Wesleys, and all the hosts of those who have been teaching and guiding the Churches for these 1800 years, are no more than the rings upon his fingers. But they are jewels to Him. He holds them as precious. Disregarded as they may be of men, they are dear to Him. He holds them, as a man holds what he most esteems. He holds them, for service now, and for judgment when He cometh. He holds them, for success against the hosts of evil, for glorious honor if they are faithful, and for eternal disgrace if they are not. Ω

*From LECTURES ON THE APOCALYPSE, J. A. Seiss, 1865.*

## The Editor's Desk

*But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things. But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him (1 John 2:20,27).*

There is a promise contained in these verses of which I fear many preachers are not aware in a practical, everyday sense. To the redeemed child of God, there is the promise of being kept from the errors of man's teaching by the unction, or anointing, that every true believer has from God—that is, the Holy Spirit of truth sent to "guide you into all truth" (John 16:13). If it is our heart's desire to know truth in order to obey truth, then we can rest assured that the Holy Spirit will guide us into truth and keep us from error. I hold this truth to be most precious and the basis for my liberty in Christ. As long as I personally am satisfied that a position I hold is established in the written Word of God, it is of little concern to me what others may think.

### TRUE LIBERTY

To have the Holy Scriptures before me and the Author of those Scriptures as my teacher gives me perfect liberty. I am at liberty to search the Scriptures (not just one translation), to read the interpretation and ideas of the outstanding men of the past or present, and trust the Holy Spirit to keep me from error and to guide me into truth. No man can take that liberty from me.

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Fundamentalists. The thing, however, that concerns me is the *attention* given to these renegade Fundamentalists by the vast majority of the self-identified Fundamentalist crowd. "Me thinks they protest too much." Could it be that their protestations are in reality an attempt to draw attention away from their slide from a position of strength to a position of weakness? I cannot abide men who divide the brethren over issues that for thousands of years were not an issue; however, my concern for the future of Fundamentalism lies in what I believe is a lack of stomach for the fight for the preservation of the Faith. Fundamentalism today, by and large, is anemic and in need of a blood transfusion, in my opinion. Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. (my mentor, under whom I had the opportunity to sit for four years immediately following my conversion at age 25) used to say quite often, "You can't have too much conviction. Any amount of prejudice is wrong, but you can't have too much conviction." His desire for America was for "fifty John the Baptists to shake this country over hell." I think he'd ask for at least one hundred today. We may not have any men left in America of the caliber of Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., but we can still take the kind of stand he took, take on the enemies of our Lord as he did, and take the cursing and abuse he took for the cause of Christ. He was probably the most hated man in America in his day. He was not hated because he was unloving or thoughtless of others; to the contrary, he was hated for the intense love and loyalty he had for the Lord Jesus Christ and for his stand against anything or anyone opposed to Christ's cause. Often he used to say that if he had one drop of blood that was disloyal to Jesus Christ, he would want a doctor to lance his veins and draw that disloyal drop of blood from his body. It is amusing and shameful how so many of the preachers and Christian leaders of today, who were trained at Dr. Bob Jones, Sr.'s feet, avoid the mention of his name and refer to "what an old gray-headed man taught me" or some other way of indirectly referring to him without openly speaking his name.

### SEPARATE THE CROWD

When I'm in a crowd and not sure of the stand of some of those present, it has always been my policy to purposefully bring up the name of Dr. Bob, Sr. and state my appreciation for him and for all he taught me (which, by the way, after 45 years of ministry, is still the basis of all I know about

carrying on the work of the Lord). By bringing up his name in any crowd, I accomplish two things: (1) I find out with whom I want to be friends and have fellowship, and (2) I find out quickly who wants to be friends and fellowship with me. It's good to clear the air early before I might be tempted to be drawn to a person who, in spite of a charming personality, has no backbone. As an old World War II pilot, I want to be sure I can trust the man flying on my wing!

### MODERN FUNDAMENTALISTS

Fundamental churches today are, for the most part, powerless because of a man-driven desire to have a "successful ministry." Many pastors have been duped into believing that the only way to do that, in "today's world with its special problems," is to adopt all kinds of new methods. These methods are designed to solve all the many problems they have invited into their churches by weak and unscriptural evangelism. The direction is all downhill. We preachers often fail to make man the depraved sinner that he is, judgment the awful reality that it is, and hell the horrible torment that the Bible declares it to be. With a fractured Gospel, we reap a harvest of lost church members who can give all the right answers but lack the one ingredient that is necessary: eternal life, a supernatural birth into the Body of Christ. To compensate for our failure in preaching the Word of God, thereby reaping a harvest of "Church members" left with all sorts of problems (most of which a new birth would have cured), we set up "victim" seminars, "small group sessions," and other classes and workshops for the "hurting and helpless." These methods have never worked to solve the problems of those who designed them in the unsaved world; what makes us think they will work in a Christian atmosphere? What a sad substitute for the Word of God and the work of the Holy Spirit.

### TOUGHER TIMES

Now, more than ever, the answers that the Word of God gives us are needed. Our times are more religious yet less righteous than the times of our forefathers. They were not so concerned with "success in church building" as they were in faithfulness to God and His Word. They preached with a "Thus saith the Lord" and let the chips fall where they would. They had it right. Today, I'm afraid we have it a wrong. Fundamentalism will never regain its power or its position of leadership until we return to the "old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein" (Jer. 6:16). Ω

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# ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

by  
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*The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God (Rom. 8:16).*

THE ASSURANCE of personal salvation is a precious privilege of believers. The security of knowing that one is a child of God and has eternal life provides a peace that passes human understanding. Yet many believers at times may have doubts about their soul's condition. When dealing with those who have such doubts, some use questions such as, "Did you ask Jesus to save you?" or "Did you really mean it? Were you sincere when you prayed?" This approach is faulty in that it is unbiblical and man-centered. The anxious individual is directed to look at himself for his assurance when, instead, he should have his attention directed to the One Who saved him and Who will keep him safe.

Some imply that it is wrong for a person to question his salvation. This contradicts the clear instruction of Scripture that directs believers to examine themselves (II Corinthians 13:5) and to be diligent to determine the fact of their own salvation (II Peter 1:10). In a day when salvation is quickly conceded to those who profess faith in Christ without any evidence of that faith,

*Those who have trusted Christ are eternally secure in Him.*

Christians would do well to examine themselves. Proper examination in the light of God's Word will shake the unfounded assurance of the hypocrite that is based in self-righteousness and self-confidence (Job 8:13-17). As for the true believer, his faith will be strengthened and he can enter more fully into the joy of his secure standing with his Savior.

Assurance of salvation differs from the false assumption of the professor in many ways. Assurance will bend back the temptation to sin or question our interest in God. It will make us content in all conditions and strengthen our hearts in difficulties. Assurance pacifies a troubled conscience and strengthens us against the fear of death. An honest, Biblically-based self-examination in the matter of personal

salvation, while it will shake the false hope of the hypocrite, will strengthen and encourage the truly saved child of God.

Assurance of salvation must follow the Biblical pattern and have a Scriptural basis. According to Romans 8:16, that basis has two aspects. The Spirit of God through the Word of God bears witness with the spiritual nature of the believer as to his identity as a child of God. Assurance is gained through the agreement of the statements of the Word of God with the evidences of the work of God in the believer's life and heart. This may be illustrated in the form of a syllogism. For example, the Word of God says that Christ is precious to those who are saved. Christ is precious to me. Therefore, I am saved. If the first two propositions are true, then the conclusion must be true.

### SALVATION AND ASSURANCE EXPLAINED IN THE WORD OF GOD

The first step in gaining assurance of salvation is to look to the Word of God for an understanding of the doctrine of salvation and assurance. This understanding is even more imperative when we see salvation purported to be gained by walking

an aisle, saying the sinner's prayer, or kneeling at the altar. (Be careful of the latter invitation when dealing with those who are Roman Catholic. Their definition of "altar" is radically different.) Salvation is a miracle in the purest sense of the term. It is a sovereign work of God in which man is the recipient of God's gracious work and not a co-contributor.

The Book of Romans provides a systematic presentation of the doctrine of salvation. Chapters 1-3 describe man's corrupt, sinful, and lost condition. Chapter 4 reveals the futility of salvation by one's own work, merit, or righteousness. Chapter 5 presents salvation and justification by faith in the finished work of Christ. The

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What a blessing! What a consolation to one who is not of great learning or mental capacity like myself, and alike for those who are fortunate enough to have been given a great mind and the opportunity to fully develop it at the feet of scholars. Young men, beware of any man or movement that would take away your liberty to delve into the Word of God, even though they purport to honor the Word by restricting you to one translation.

### MANUSCRIPTS

The original manuscripts have long been gone, but God has preserved for His Church sufficient manuscripts that are accurate, giving us an accurate and infallible Bible. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. I, for one, am thankful that the original manuscripts are gone. If they were available, to whom would you suggest we give the honor of protecting them? God in His wisdom saw to it that they did not continue to exist (as far as anyone knows); yet He preserved for us a Bible we can totally trust to be the infallible Word of God.

### A MATTER OF FAITH

This is a matter of faith, and that's good solid ground as far as I am concerned. As a matter of fact, whatever position one holds in this regard must be held by faith. I can only say by faith that I believe that the King James Bible is the best translation (and I do believe that), as I have no original manuscripts with which to compare it. Those who try to be too dogmatic in areas of translation only restrict their liberty, as I see it, and, by their brash statements, attempt to stifle the liberty of others under their influence. As for myself, I am determined that no man shall dictate my position on matters of personal faith. Ω

# Stars of the Morning

by "Aunt Carolyn"

## Dilly-Dally Dan

"HURRY UP, DAN," Turk urged. "Get your coat on and let's go! We're going to be late for practice!"

Dan muttered, "Keep your shirt on! I am hurrying!"

"You don't know what hurry means! You are always late. You are going to be late to your own wedding!"

"Huh! Who said anything about a wedding?" Dan sputtered. "I'm never going to get married! I hate girls! All girls are dumb and ugly!"

"Huh, you don't seem to think so when Bonnie Bell Harper comes around," Turk jibed with a giggle.

"You mind your own business, Turk Braden! And I am almost ready!"

"Well, I'm going on. You are not going to make me late for practice. I think you will be late for your own funeral!"

"What a thought!" Dan interrupted. "I'm only twelve years old. It will be a long time before I have to worry about a funeral."

"Yeah, well, you never know!" Turk tossed the quip over his shoulder and headed on down the street to the ball park leaving Dan to get himself together and come at his own speed, which was not very fast. In fact, he had dallied so long that he had to run hard the last two blocks. Once before, Coach had made him run laps for being late, and Dan didn't want to do that again. After running two blocks, Dan arrived breathless just in the nick of time. Coach looked at his watch, shook his head, and muttered, "Dilly-Dally Dan!"

Who knows how many times Dan was late? Einstein, the genius himself, could not have counted them all.

The next Thursday morning, Mother could see it happening again. She had called, urged, encouraged, and done everything but bodily put Dan's clothes on him and still he was poking. He dillyed getting dressed; he dallied eating breakfast; he dawdled getting his books. Suddenly he heard the mind-shattering sound-blast of the school bus horn out front. He began scrambling frantically for his coat. Where? Where did he leave his cap? The horn sounded again. His books! His books! He had to get his books! Oh, yes! His math book was still on his bed. As he flew down

the hall to get it, the bus horn sounded a third time. Dan grabbed his cap and book bag and made a mad scramble for the door, but the bus was already pulling away.

"Hey!" he hollered running down the walk. "Hey! Wait for me!" But no one could hear him. Dan was left standing by the curb watching the bus disappear from view.

He dragged back into the house and dropped his books in a clump on the floor. "Dan, is that you?" Mother called from the kitchen.

"Yes, Ma'am!" came Dan's hollow answer.

"And why are you back in the house instead of on your way to school?" Mother stood facing him now.

"Well, I... Well, the bus left me!" Dan blurted.

"Oh. And why in the world did the bus leave you, my dear?"

"Well," Dan stammered, "Well, I was just getting out there when the dumb old bus pulled off. I only missed it by a minute!"

"A second, a minute, or an hour!" Mother retorted. "You still missed the bus. You're still standing here when you should be on the bus! This is serious, Dan! You know, in the Bible, Jesus told about ten virgins. Five were foolish. They put off filling their lamps. Then at the last minute, they scrambled around trying to get ready, but when they arrived at the wedding, they were too late. The door was shut! They missed the marriage altogether, because they did not think it important to get ready ahead of time. Folks take God's salvation the same way. They know death and judgment are coming according to God's Word, but they somehow think they will always have a little more time. They put off salvation until it's too late!"

"Yes, Ma'am," Dan answered quietly. His dad had told him almost exactly the same thing not long ago, but he had added more.

"Dan," he said, "For whom do you think your Mother and I named you?"

"Well, Daniel," Dan replied. "Daniel, in the Bible."

"Right! But do you think the Bible Daniel would ever have been promoted to be president next to the king if he had

been careless and slack in his duties and use of time?"

"No. No, sir, I don't suppose he would." Dan stood still as if attentive, but in his mind he cast it all aside. He wasn't running for president, he thought, or prince or mayor, or even dog-catcher! Then his conscience seemed to prick him a bit. He knew he shouldn't be thinking that way. And in his heart of hearts he wanted to be what the Lord wanted him to be, but he didn't see all this fuss over just being late once in a while.

Mom brought him back to reality. "Well, young man, you had better get going. You are already late for school. Don't make it any worse!"

"What do you mean, 'Get going'?" Dan demanded. "Aren't you going to take me?"

"No, Son. You had plenty of time and warning and did not seem to worry about it. So now you can just go on your own."

"But, Mom!" he whined. "Six blocks! It's cold outside! I'll probably freeze to death! It will take me forever! I'll be at least a half-hour late even if I run!"

"Yes. Perhaps you should have thought of that earlier," Mom reminded. "Now get started before it gets any later. Every minute counts!"

"But, Mom, you could drive me in the car!" Dan moaned.

"No, Dan. You missed a good warm bus ride by your own carelessness. The baby is still sleeping. I am not going to get her up and take her out in the cold just to make up for your dilly-dallying."

Dan finally reached school. He felt as if every eye in the class was on him as he put up his coat and went to his desk. It seemed to take half the day to get warm again and harder than ever to keep his mind on his lessons.

After school the teacher called him to her desk. "I have arranged with your parents for you to stay and make up the lesson you missed this morning, Dan. But before you start, I must say that this tardy business must stop. Time is a treasure given by God, Dan. You must guard it well. Once it is gone, there is no getting it back. God gave us time, and we must be good stewards of it. One man said, 'He who ignores God's time ignores the God of time.' Are you trying to ignore God, Dan; or worse yet, do you not care about God or pleasing Him?" Ω

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## Hymns for Children

I truly enjoy singing with my classes. Even fifth and sixth graders enjoy singing, although their voices are in the process of changing! During the singing portion of Bible study time, even the most shy youngster will venture out with a "joyful noise."

What a blessing it is for each child to be able to learn songs and hymns of the faith. Only time and eternity will tell how much these songs and hymns help the children in their future lives. Many parents have told me that they enjoy hearing their children sing rather than fight while driving down the highway, or sing in the shower.

The Word of God instructs us to sing unto the Lord. Ephesians 5:19 says, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

An established curriculum of choruses and hymns is an important part of our Bible curriculum. From K-4 upward we use these songs to teach truths and bless hearts. Be wary of songs and hymns that do not meet high standards musically, or whose words do not teach truth. Some choruses sound pretty, but their message is obscure to little children. The light songs that are "fun" do not belong in Bible Time. Some teachers may use Bible songs to get the children excited and spirited; however, this is a trap that may render your lesson a disappointment. Our songs should worship God, teach the fear of God, and lead the children to a better understanding of *Who* God is and *What* He has done for mankind. Our students today have precious little "quiet" in their lives. They are easily excitable and enjoy a stirring round of singing. This definitely has its place; but the singing portion of Bible Time should set the tone for a still, somber, quiet time for our children to hear God's Word.

Consider these "old" hymns and the message contained in them:

K-4: *Nothing But the Blood; There Is Power; Jesus Loves Me*

K-5: *When He Cometh; Wonderful Words of Life; One Day; The Light of the World Is Jesus*

1<sup>st</sup>: *Bring Them In; Jesus Never Fails; My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

2<sup>nd</sup>: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus; Dare to Be a Daniel; Christ Arose; Standing on the Promises*

3<sup>rd</sup>: *Praise Him, Praise Him; Blessed Assurance; Holy, Holy, Holy; Near the Cross; This Is My Father's World*

4<sup>th</sup>: *How Firm a Foundation; What a Friend We Have in Jesus; Take Time to Be Holy; To God Be the Glory*

5<sup>th</sup>: *Come Thou Fount; Redeemed; Amazing Grace; I Know Whom I Have Believed; O Worship the King*

6<sup>th</sup>: *O for a Thousand Tongues; Great Is Thy Faithfulness; Whosoever Will; Arise, My Soul, Arise, Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

These hymns may be "old-fashioned," but they carry the messages that few "new-fashioned" ones contain. The tunes are simple and the words flow in a manner easily taught. Last week, my class began the hymn *Under His Wings*. One child said that he thought of that hymn one evening when the weather was scary and knew that God would take care of him during the storm. It was a blessing to my heart to know that the message of that hymn had already taken root.

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conclusion is that man is dead in sin, without any strength or ability (Rom. 5:6), and in need of the gracious intervening work of God. In order to be saved, dead sinners first need life imparted to them and that life is miraculously provided in Christ and given by a gracious God to needy sinners. Chapter 6 shows that Christ has saved us from sin's dominion while Chapter 7 explains the battle within the Christian and points him to the Lord Jesus Christ Who gives victory over sin in the believer's life. This Pauline course in soteriology arrives at Chapter 8 with a glorious description of the security believers enjoy in Jesus Christ.

Those who have trusted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior are eternally secure in Him. They are "kept by the power of God" (1 Peter 1:5) for eternity. There are some blessed facts regarding his security described in Romans 8. Believers cannot be condemned (vs. 1-4). Condemnation is impossible because they are *in* Christ Jesus. This permanent union is illustrated throughout Scripture in metaphorical relationships, such as Head and body, Vine and branches, Bridegroom and bride, and Cornerstone and building. Believers are indwelt by

the Holy Spirit (vs. 5-14). The Spirit Who first convicted us of sin and pointed us to

Christ now dwells within us. He presently initiates the work of sanctification and gives us new affections and desires as well as the ability to perform that which pleases God. As He assists us in prayer and illumines the truths of Scripture to us, He leads us into assurance. Believers are the heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ (vs. 15-17). Because they have been adopted into God's family by the act of God Himself, their inheritance is assured. Believers are sustained by hope and the help of the Holy Spirit (vs. 18-28). The Christian can take heart in all situations for he is sustained now by the Spirit of God and assured of future glory. *Romans 8:28 must be believed in prosperity and exercised in adversity.*

Believers are assured of their salvation by the eternal purposes of God (vs. 29-30). These verses are not here for debate or confusion. They are a clear statement of the eternal purpose of God

for His people and are here for our security. It is a certainty that those whom God foreknew and called will be conformed to the image of His Son and be justified and glorified. Believers are secure because God is for them (vs. 31-34). If He has invested His Son for us, He has secured all good things for us. Finally, believers cannot be separated from the love of Christ by anything or anyone (vs. 25-39).

While the doctrine of salvation and the security that accompanies it are sources of joy to those who know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, we must remember that knowledge and belief of doctrine is not sufficient. Satan and his angels are orthodox but still under condemnation (James 2:19). There must also be the personal experience of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ and the new life that He imparts.

#### SALVATION AND ASSURANCE EXPERIENCED AS THE WORK OF GOD

The Biblical metaphor for salvation is the "new birth." Like physical birth, it may seem simple in its occurrence, but it is complicated in its details. It seems to involve human agency, but, in reality, it is a miracle because it is the creation of new

life. Thankfully, knowledge of the details is unnecessary to the experience; and those who benefit

are the recipients of a work of God done in their behalf. Those who are saved are "born from above" (John 3:3). Their new birth is not inherited from their family or the product of their will or the will of others, but it is entirely of God (John 1:12-13). How can we know if we have experienced the new birth? The evidence is not to be found in a spiritual birth certificate or the testimony of our spiritual parents. It cannot be proven solely through our knowledge of the doctrine as it is set forth in the Bible. The proof that we have been born again, and the proof upon which our assurance of salvation is based, can be ascertained by comparing our lives with what the Bible says are the "life signs" of those who have eternal life.

The stated purpose of the book of I John is that it is written so that we can know if we have eternal life by comparing our lives with its description

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# FOCUS ON REVELATION

by Rev. Tom

## IS ROMAN CATHOLICISM NO LONGER A THREAT TO BIBLICAL CHRISTIANITY?

Chuck Colson and the now famous "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" document, the Promise Keepers movement, Jack Van Impe Ministries, James I. Packer, and many other men and movements declare that Roman Catholicism holds no threat to Biblical Christianity and should be received with open arms as a friend of the faith. Yet the Romish church, the Harlot of Revelation 17 and present form of Babylon, has not changed. Papal authority and infallibility, Mariology, Transubstantiation, Mass, and a host of other Catholic heresies are glossed over and her "evangelical similarities" are capitalized.

The Harlot, Roman Catholicism, is charming the world and evangelical christendom with her flattering words and offerings of peace (Proverbs 7:5, 14). Nineteenth century Bible expositor Robert Govett well said, "Rome's influence over kings is a sort of personal influence, such as that of a harlot: her power over the nations is more distant, like that of wine. Her doctrine is 'wine of fornication.' Christianity is too holy, strict, self-denying, humbling for men by nature. *Rome discovers to the nations a way of enjoying the world to the full, yet with the flattering belief that they are the servants of Christ*" (emphasis mine).

What the Roman Catholic church has been unable to do for itself in opening its doors to evangelicalism, the Promise Keepers movement has accomplished in just a few short years. The Promise Keepers movement has embraced Catholicism with open arms as an evangelical sister and friend of the faith.

Sadly, there are some fundamentalist leaders who do not see the apostate harlot and her institutions as a threat to Biblical Christianity. Satan, the master duplicator and manipulator, has duped the majority of the evangelical world.

# US LIGION

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Dr. James A. Froude, the English historian, wrote in the 1870's, "Protestantism has made no converts to speak of in Europe since the sixteenth century. It shot up in two generations to its full stature, and became an established creed with defined boundaries, and it has come about that *the old enemies have become friends in the presence of a common foe* (anti-churchism and atheism of Froude's day). Catholics speak tenderly of Protestants as keeping alive the belief in creeds, and look forward to their return to the sheepfold, while the scarlet woman on the seven hills, 'drunk with the blood of the saints', is now treated by Protestantism as an older sister, and a valued ally in the great warfare with infidelity. The points of difference are forgotten; the points of union are passively dwelt upon; the remnant of idolatry, which the more ardent European Protestants once abhorred and denounced, are now regarded as having been providentially preserved, as a means of making up the quarrel and bringing back the churches into communion" (emphasis mine).

Although written over 130 years ago, Froude's accurate and pointedly prophetic observations illustrate the heart and purpose of the Roman Catholic system. Catholicism is exactly where Satan wants it to be, wrapped in the loving arms of evangelicalism.

Now, more than ever, Fundamental pastors need to sound the alarm against ecumenism, compromise and accommodation. When a person or group supports Promise Keepers, they indirectly support Roman Catholicism, the enemy of Christ! Those who support Jack Van Impe, indirectly support the Pope! Bold preaching of the Word of God that exposes compromise with the great harlot is a must in order to maintain purity of doctrine within the local church in these days of apostasy and compromise. Ω

of the life of those who are in Christ. One of the attributes of those who are in Christ is that they no longer habitually and continually sin (1:8-10;3:9;5:18). This is consistent with the teaching of Romans 6 where we find that sin no longer has dominion over the believer. Sin may rear its ugly head in the believer's life (1:8) but, because of Christ, it will not rule him. Those whose lives are marked by continual sin are not the children of God despite their profession (3:6-10). The Christian's new life is marked by cheerful obedience to Christ's commands (2:3; 5:2,3) and those who profess salvation yet do not yield to His commands are liars (2:4). Because Christians look forward to their reunion with Christ and their final conformity to His likeness, they will seek to keep themselves pure (3:2-3). They will also love other Christians (4:7-8). Christians will not love this world; those who are enamored of its wiles and ways do not have the love of the Father (2:15-16). How disconcerting these verses must be to those who profess faith in Christ, yet whose affections and interests are in the things of this carnal world.

The Scripture also makes clear that those who are saved love the Lord Jesus Christ and find Him precious (I Peter 2:7). This love for the Christ is not the sentimental variety that consists of words and fickle feelings, nor is it the variety that is dependent upon "blessings" received to generate emotion. It is the agape love that God has placed in our hearts that is warmed by the mention of His Name and humbled by the thought that such a One would even consider to notice sinners such as we are. It is a love that is jealous for His honor and will defend Him to any and all who would denigrate Him. It is a sacrificing love that is willing to give up all for Him. It is a love that wants the best for the Object of our affection and that could truly give away all for Him (Phil. 3:7-10).

These traits are the evidence of those who truly have experienced the new birth and become new creatures in Christ Jesus. After living in darkness, their spiritual understanding has been enlightened and they have become conscious of spiritual things (I Corinthians 2:12-14; II Corinthians 4:6; Ephesians 1:18; Philippians 1:9). His sinful and rebellious will has been renewed (Philippians 2:13; Psalm 110:3), and he now lives with his affection placed on heavenly things.

## THE WAY TO ASSURANCE

Assurance of salvation is that full conviction that our sins have been forgiven and that we are, in truth, a child of God and heir to eternal life. It is not merely a subjective feeling but has a solid foundation in the joint evidence of the Word of God and the work of God as demonstrated in the new life that is the result of the new birth.

As people seek assurance, let them look away from themselves and their decisions, actions, or feelings, and look instead to the Word of God and the work of Christ and its results. May such actions destroy the false hope of the hypocrite and strengthen the sure hope of the believer. Ω

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## Laodicean Leaven

by  
Dr. Fiddle, D.D.

### HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL PULPIT MINISTRY.

Pastoral success is based upon an awareness of the desires of the congregation and of satisfying those desires in a meaningful way through a consistent pulpit ministry.

The preacher must realize that people are primarily interested in themselves and their personal needs. Their desire for happiness, financial security, and self-esteem must be met by the concerned shepherd who wants to see his sheep feed on their preferred fodder. These hungry souls have an insatiable desire for sermons on how to improve themselves or solve their problems; it is their right to expect the pastor they have hired to provide for them. Just remember that the cure you offer must not require them to quit doing anything they like to do or submit to any rigorous or time-consuming spiritual discipline.

The best sermons are those entitled, "How to Get What You Want Using Christian Faith." Variations of this theme can be used every week except Christmas and Easter when we must give our Savior His place. Remember to include a catchy Bible verse, a simple prayer to be repeated as needed, and the exhortation to have faith. (Faith in faith is always a best-seller.)

Giving them what they want will assure your success, security, and popularity. Giving them what they need will put you in the wilderness with those leather-girded, locust-eating radicals who are always losing their heads over things that don't matter. Ω

## Letters To The Editor

March was designated as "Letter Month" for The PROJECTOR. We sent a special letter to our PROJECTOR family.

The response was a real blessing and encouragement. Thanks to all who wrote, sent support gifts, and new addresses! We share a few of the letters below.



*Many thanks for your PROJECTOR, Dr. Hobbs. The great spiritual truths revealed in this informative publication have been the subject of many discussions in my adult Sunday School class! Many thanks and may the Lord richly bless this ministry!*  
J.R.

Dear Friends:

*Just a note to tell you that I do appreciate your pamphlet, The PROJECTOR, very much. "Mercy in its Fullness" [Rev. Tod Brainard, cover, Winter 1996] is of great value to me. I read it to a friend of mine who is 94 years old and almost blind. It meant much to her and she made copies to pass around to others. "Jewels of Grace: God's Remnant" [Dr. Dayton Hobbs, cover, Winter 1996] is much appreciated. It is full of precious nuggets of truth to delight the believer's heart. Especially, the separated Christian, standing alone much of the time, but delighting in the Lord who never deserts us. God bless you and your work.*  
Gratefully,  
M.S.

Dear Brother Hobbs,  
I appreciate The PROJECTOR. I am not sure how I got on your mailing list, but I appreciate the newsletter. It is good to know there is someone else that takes a strong stand on the Word. Keep on Pressing toward the Mark!  
J.N.

Dear Brother Hobbs,  
I always look forward to receiving The PROJECTOR. I know I can count on you to take a sound biblical stand. Fundamentalism is being attacked today as never before. Liberals say they are judgmental, intollerant, narrow-minded, etc. The one-world church is taking form. Promise Keepers are getting into my church and most others as well.  
J.H.

Dear Dr. Hobbs,  
Thank you for continuing to send The PROJECTOR. It is very useful and enlightening. It helps this Bible-believer to keep on keeping on in these challenging days. Grace, mercy, and peace in the name of God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ to you, your family, and your staff.  
J.D.

Sirs:  
Please keep The PROJECTOR coming. It is very informative and helps us to understand what is going on in the world today for us who name the name of Jesus as Lord and Saviour and who believe the Holy Bible, the Word of God, provides the answers to all our problems. Thank you,  
D.G.C. N.



## Proverb Practicals

by Ludwig Opager

*The rod and reproof give wisdom:  
but a child left to himself  
bringeth his mother to shame  
(Prov. 29:15).*

IN EXODUS 4:2 the Lord asked, "What is that in thine hand?" Moses answered, "A rod." Moses used a rod in the business of shepherding, but God partnered with Moses in the use of that rod, transforming it into an instrument for His glory. God used that rod in the hand of Moses to turn the waters of the rivers and the streams into blood; and the dust of the land into lice in man and beast. That rod in Moses' hand, in partnership with God, commanded the east wind to bring the plague of locusts upon the land of Egypt. As the instrument of God in the hand of Moses, the obedient servant, that rod was used to divide the sea for the children of Israel to pass over.

The principle thus taught in the Word concerning the use of the rod is a principle of partnership with God. Those invested with authority by God are given the rod to use according to the principles laid out in the Word of God, but its use outside the Word of God is ineffective and vain. The ultimate use of the rod is to be for God's glory, not for our own glory or pleasure. And that includes using the rod in the chastening of a child. The rod must be dedicated and separated unto God if its use is to produce the right results.

God's Word commands the use of the rod telling us that sparing the rod reveals hatred for the son (Prov. 13:24). It tells

that the rod will drive foolishness from the child (Prov. 22:15). It promises the use of the rod will not result in the death of the child but will result in deliverance of the child from Hell (Prov. 23:13, 14). The rod is the only physical object mentioned in Scripture that can deliver from Hell, and that, coupled with reproof, gives wisdom.

If we do not use the rod, or fail to use it Scripturally, we and our children will reap the consequences of our disobedience just as Moses did when he used his rod improperly (Num. 20:11, 12).

Syndromes for all the ills of the world abound today, but they never lead to the knowledge of the truth. The real syndrome plaguing children is Rod-Deprivation Syndrome (RDS). A child suffering from "RDS" is a miserable creature. Neglected from intimate contact with the rod, a child is hated by his mother (Prov. 13:24). Proverbs 29:15 tells us that a child that does not receive the rod is a child left to himself—that is, he gets his own way.

God directs children to obey their parents in the Lord, "for this is right" (Eph. 6:1). God gives children parents because they are not to be left to themselves and void of obedience training.

The rod, properly used, communicates to the child that the parent's word is preeminent before the child is able to

understand the words of the parent. The rod is the work of the parent designed to lead a child to trust the word of the parent, just as the works of Christ are to lead us to believe his Word (John 14:11). "Child, if you do not obey my word, then I must apply the work of the rod, which will validate my word; believe my word and I no longer need to use the rod!"

The world rejects the "rod and reproof," instead using time-outs, talks, hugs, persuasion, begging, crying, guilt or even chemicals! But the world is after a change in behavior. Proper external behavior does not equal internal obedience. Behavior is only doing what is profitable, or that which pleases man. Doing right is what pleases God. Doing right is internal and done by faith, but right behavior may be simply external to please man. Man is the authority to determine the behavior required, but God's Word is the authority for righteous obedience.

Only desiring an outward change, the world abhors the rod, satisfied to provide a mask of a smiling face regardless of the heart's rebellion. The world, satisfied with the hypocrisy of proper behavior, specializes in the outward, but the Lord specializes in the inward—designing His Word to accomplish that!

In other words, the "rod and reproof," used in that order, are for the purpose of training for obedience to the word of the mother and father with the ultimate desired end of obedience to the Word of God. The use of the rod and reproof is not the same as "behavior modification," although that may be one of the results of obedience. The primary purpose is to gain obedience from the heart, and not simply external behavioral changes.

"Parents, concentrate your energy on obedience training and behavior will take care of itself. As a result, you will have a wise child, whom God promises will not bring you to shame." Ω

# WHILE MEN SLEPT

by  
Dr. Dayton Hobbs

*Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man which sowed good seed in his field: But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way. But when the blade was sprung up, and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thy thou sow good seed in thy field? from whence then hath it tares? He said unto them, An enemy hath done this. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn. Then Jesus sent the multitude away, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Declare unto us the parable of the tares of the field. He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels. As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of this world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear (Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43).*

## THE PARABLE

One phrase that commands our attention as we read this parable is, "While men slept." It seems to be a foregone conclusion that this will happen. We are not left to our imagination as to the basic interpretation of this parable as Jesus tells us the major components: (1) The sower of good seed is the Son of Man; (2) The field is the world; (3) The good seed are, that is produces, the children of the kingdom; (4) The tares are the children of the wicked one; (5) The enemy sower is the Devil; (6) The harvest takes place at the end of the age, and; (7) The reapers are the angels.

"A Parable is a story picture of familiar things, which illustrates, illumines and impresses some great truth" (Milton). Jesus, the Master Teacher, made much use of parables in His teaching of the disciples. He said, in answer to His disciples question, "Why speakest thou unto them [the multitudes] in parables? ... It is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them [the multitudes] it is not given" (Matt. 13:10,11). All of the facets of the parable of the tares and the wheat have a spiritual application: The sower of the good seed; the good seed; the field; the bad seed or tares; the enemy; the harvest; and the reapers. It seems obvious that the fact that the enemy sowed these tares "while men slept" also has a spiritual application for Christ's servants throughout the Church age. It seems that most men who have written concerning this parable have avoided discussing the case of the sleeping men; however, in *The Biblical Illustrator*, B. Keach is quoted as saying concerning this phrase, "This may caution all ministers of Christ to take heed and watch, lest evil seed be sown amongst them, the seed of error and heresy. Many may under fair pretense of exalting Christ, sow pernicious and poisonous seed."

## QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED

It is obvious then that the sleeping men of this parable have a message for us today. The message is that vigilance on our part is vital throughout the Gospel age in which we live. My contention is not that if we remain awake we will prevent the Devil from attempting to sow his tares following our sowing of the good seed of the gospel, but that our vigilance can reduce the amount of success that the Devil has. Who can deny that when Christ's servants have responded to Christ's warnings to vigilance the field has yielded more wheat and less tares? It may be the usual thing for men to sleep spiritually, unfortunately, but it is not wise, nor is it necessary.

As a Result of Men's Sleeping:

- ♦ Whole denominations have become corrupted.
- ♦ Christian institutions have decayed.
- ♦ Christian homes have lost their children for service for Christ.
- ♦ The infallible Word of God has been exchanged for the ideas of fallible men.
- ♦ Churches have become over-balanced with unsaved professors.
- ♦ Doctrine has been exchanged for personal experience.
- ♦ The preaching of the Word has been replaced by emotional sob stories told by preachers of questionable morals.
- ♦ Sound spiritual music has been exchanged for contemporary hash.
- ♦ Genuine repentance and faith has given way to questionable "decisions" for Christ.
- ♦ Salvation offered to the lost, depraved, and hell-bound sinner has degenerated to the offer of questionable help for the deprived, displaced, and "hurting" victim.

*Continued*

**ENEMY NUMBER ONE**

Peter's denial of Christ was preceded by sleeping when he should have been watching. The weakness of our flesh, and our refusal to gain the victory over it by the grace of God is often the door of opportunity for the Devil. When Jesus returned to His disciples in the garden of Gethsemane, finding them asleep, He said to Peter, "What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:40-41). Spiritual sleeping is primarily the result of weak flesh. "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep ... But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil it in the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:11,14).

**THE RESULTS OF PETER'S SLEEPING**

Did Peter's sleeping make a difference? I think so. When the enemy came, Peter resisted in the flesh while Jesus was submitting. He then followed afar off and finally sat down and warmed himself with Jesus' enemies swearing and denying that he was one of Christ's followers. What would have been the result if Peter had not slept? We will never know, but I believe that it would have made a difference, at least for Peter. I'm sure that Peter never forgot that failure on his part even though he was forgiven by Christ. "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night" (I Thess. 5:5-7). Sober, according to Trench, "is that inner self-government, with its constant rein on all the passions and desires, which would hinder the temptation to these from arising."

**GOOD MEN SLEEPING**

In the parable of the wheat and the tares, the enemy was the devil, but those who gave the enemy his opportunity were good men, servants of the man who sowed good seed in his field. As a matter of fact they very likely were the ones who did the sowing, as they were the ones who discovered the treachery. They were good

men, but they slept when they should have been watching. It has been my experience in over 45 years of ministry, that most of the devil's opportunities, in ministries that are supposed to be true to the Word of God, have been brought about by good men who for one reason or the other slept while Satan sowed tares. Lack of vigilance along with the refusal to take care of problems while they are small and solvable (which also is a form of sleeping) provide the groundwork for the devil's victory. Paul warned the Corinthians that the devil likes

*Vigilance is ever the price of liberty, and the responsibility for its execution falls on us.*

to get an advantage of us but that "we are not ignorant of his devices (methods of thinking)." We should expect the devil to try to undermine the Lord's work.

**THE DEVIL'S METHODS OF ATTACK**

**The Weakest Link**

The devil's attack comes at the point of our weakest defense. He is no fool. He wants to be as successful as possible and do as much damage as possible. Eve, the weaker vessel, gave Satan his successful victory in the garden. Satan's false offer of a speedy fulfillment to promises God has determined to fulfill in His own way and time proved to be the same weak point of great men like Abraham and Moses. This was also the approach Satan used in his unsuccessful temptation of Christ.

**DROPPING OUR GUARD**

When we drop our guard we don't think he will attack today, or at this point, and that is the very time he will likely attack. We must expect that; that is one of his devices. On one occasion, several years ago, two boys got in a fight in the gym. When confronted about why he had let it happen, the coach protested that he had just stepped out of the gym for a few minutes to run an errand. My question to him was, "Didn't you know that that was exactly the time for which the devil planned the fight? He was counting on your negligence!" There is never a time to

let down our guard! As the fight referee instructs the boxers, "Protect yourselves at all times."

**VIGILANCE**

Vigilance is the most difficult aspect of ministry, I think, and the reason so few emphasize or practice it today. It is ever the price of liberty, and the responsibility for its execution falls on us. "God will not do for us what He has given us power to do for ourselves", Dr. Bob, Sr. used to pound into his preacher boys. Quality in a ministry is our responsibility; God will not put it there. It is one responsibility that is totally ours. In I Cor. 3:10, Paul's instruction is to "let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon [the foundation of Jesus Christ]." Where I build is God's business; when I build is God's business; what I build is God's business, and how long I build is God's business: only the "how" of building is my responsibility. Pulling up tares is not our business, but remaining awake to prevent tares from being planted is our full-time responsibility. Ω

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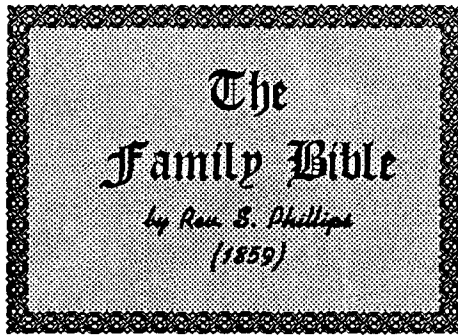
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You may buy them splendid Bibles, gilt and clasped with gold, and have their names labeled in golden letters upon its lid; but if the good old family Bible is neglected, and the yellow covered literature of the day substituted in its stead; if you permit them to buy and read lovesick tales in preference to their Bible, and they see you do the same, you are but making a mock of God's Word, and must answer before Him for your children's neglect of its sacred pages.

Let me, therefore, affectionately admonish you to be faithful to that precious book you call the family Bible. Read it to your children every day. From its sacred pages teach them the way to live and the way to die. Let it be an opened, studied family chart to guide you and them in visions of untold glory to the many mansions of your Father's offered home in heaven. Ω

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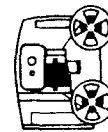
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