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AUTHORITY: The " Ugly " Word of Our Day



By
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Matthew 28:18 "and Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power (authority) is given unto me in heaven and in earth."

I Cor. 14:40 "Let all things be done decently and in order."

Authority Crisis

We have an authority crisis in America today, and, for that matter, in the world at large. America's beginnings and its history for its first hundred years or so was based upon the Word of God, and the Scriptures provided direction for every area of life; government, poli-

tics, education, the home, the military and even financial and business dealings. I personally do not believe we could ever have been called a Christian nation, but certainly every area of America's life was influenced by the teachings of the Bible which certainly included the concept of God as a God of authority and His precepts of value to establish and operate everything from the manner in which an individual should conduct his life to the principles and laws of Federal Government. The principles of Scripture permeated every area of American life in years gone by, and the fact and manner of their removal from the fabric of the nation is the story of the moral and spiritual decay of America. This process has not been accidental but deliberate; it has not been a haphazard procedure but a well orchestrated advance by the god of this age, displacing order with chaos; symmetry with confusion; authority with lawlessness.

Definition of Terms

To give clarity to our thinking, and in order to be sure we are understood, let us put forth some definitions.

1. Authority or power (exousia): The right to exercise power; the power of one whose will and commands must be obeyed by others; denotes freedom of action, right to act; used of God it is absolute, unrestricted, used of man authority is delegated. (Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words)

2. Order (taxis) an arranging, arrangement. Due order, in contrast to confusion...(Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words)

3. Lawless or Lawlessness (anomia-without law). Most often translated "iniquity". "The display of lawless-

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FOR THE GOOD OF YOUR CHILD

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs
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Training Servants For Christ

John 13:12-17 - "So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

Paul states to the Ephesian elders that the Lord Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35b) Jesus certainly spoke not only upon the authority of the infallible Word but also from personal experience as a man when He made that statement.

Philippians 2:5-8 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

Jesus, by an act of His will, took

upon Himself the form of a servant. This passage in Philippians continues on to point out the Father's exaltation of the Son to the highest position possible, to the glory of God the Father.

Servanthood can no longer be looked upon as a lowly and despised position, for Christ has forever exalted the name and the work of a servant.

Eve Deceived

One area of Satan's deception of Eve was in regard to servanthood. He subtly deceived her into believing God was assigning them the role of servant, while keeping the office of God for Himself. Knowledge was held up to her as the pathway that would lead to becoming God, thus enticing her to eat of the forbidden tree and begin man's upward climb from the lowly servant's station to the much to be desired station of God.
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Editor's Desk

By Dr. Dayton Hobbs

I'd hate to be a postmillennialist today. The Blessed Hope of the pre-tribulation rapture of the body of Christ looms brighter every day to the faithful child of God.

"Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

"...thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 15:51-53,57

Recently I attended a meeting of Christian school officials where we were briefed for two and one-half hours on the latest changes in the statutes affecting Christian schools. It certainly was not an upbeat report, for there are more laws, rules and regulations that affect us every year; however, all the way through the briefing session I kept thinking about the Lord's promise to deliver us from the "wrath to come" and wondering how much longer it will be before we hear that blessed trumpet call. I must say that this "looking for His appearing" brought comfort and peace to my heart.

At the close of the meeting, a desperate sounding principal with a pained expression on his face asked for a moment to speak, and in a despondent plea urged everyone there to join together in an effort to rally support from all their constituents to organize in an effort to regain these freedoms we are losing. I must say that I felt for his position and would very much like to see our lost liberties regained;

however, the Bible is clear that regardless of what we do, and I do think we are to do what we can, the whole situation is going to get worse and worse. There is no chance for any move by this decaying society toward less corruption generally.

By the way, the man who made this impassioned plea is known to me to be a postmillennialist. He works not just to hold back the flow of corruption, but to bring in the kingdom. I feel for him, and wonder how he gets any sleep at night.

TO OBEY OR NOT TO OBEY?

"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee." (Genesis 3:16)

"For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement." (I Peter 3:5,6)

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God." (I Corinthians 11:3)

Should the word "obey" be included for the woman in the marriage ceremony?

Recently, I heard the late Vernon McGee, who I believe to be one of the best expositors of the Bible except in certain areas like separation, say that he did not include the word "obey" and that he did not believe it was scriptural to teach that the woman should obey her husband. This he said even in light of the above scriptures which teach otherwise, which scriptures he said simply meant the wife was to respond properly to her husband. Dr. McGee's argument was based entirely upon Genesis chapter two concerning God's creation of Eve as a help for Adam.

The problem with this position is that it was written before the fall, before Eve was deceived by Satan,

and before God said to Eve that as a part of her punishment "he shall rule over thee".

This "rule" is certainly not to be done with a spirit of superiority and abusiveness but in genuine "agape" (selfless) love; however, it is the way God set it up and the way I believe it is to be carried out in the home if the marriage is to be Christ honoring.

Yes, I believe the word "obey" should be retained in the marriage ceremony. I've been using it for 39 years and expect to continue to do so. □

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ness by the lawless one (II Thes. 2:8) will be the effect of the attempt by the powers of darkness to overthrow Divine government." (Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words).

All Authority Is Of God

Psalm 62:11 "God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God."

Romans 13:1,2 "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

I Peter 2:12-14 "Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation. Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well."

Proverbs 24:21,22 (Amplified Bible) "My son, reverently fear the Lord and the king, and do not associate with those who are given to change (of allegiance, and are revolutionary); For their calamity shall rise suddenly, and who knows the punishment and ruin which both (the Lord and the king) will bring upon the rebellious?"

Ecclesiastes 8:4,5a "Where the word of a king is, there is power: and who may say unto him, What doest thou? Whoso keepeth the commandment (of the king) shall feel no evil thing..."

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Stars of the Morning

By "Aunt Carolyn"

TOO GOOD
TO BE TRUE



It was in the late 1850's when gold drew men into the untamed outback regions of Australia.

Will's Pa poured out a couple of gold pieces from his leather pouch and handed it to Jeb, the ranch foreman.

"Now here's a little money in case you need it when you get to the outback center. Mind take care all through the bush but especially when you get to Surat. Now, git! That stage is scheduled to pull in at noon tomorrow. Those papers I am waiting for will be in the mail bag. Get your gear together and get going."

He turned to Young Will then and added, "Yep, Will, I reckon you can go. You can go as long as you mind your own business and don't get in the way!"

"Yes, sir! I mean, no, sir, I won't!" Will was so excited he got his words all mixed up, but Pa knew what he meant, and Will knew what Pa meant, too!

It didn't take long to get a little grub together and tie a blanket roll behind his saddle.

"Mount up, Li'l Critter, if you're ridin' with me," Jeb poked at Will. "We have a long trail afore we meet that stage tomorrow!"

Will grabbed the saddle horn, put one foot in the stirrup and heaved himself into the saddle. He surely would be glad when he could mount up like Jeb without using the stirrup, but by just taking a standing jump, throwing one leg over, and landing in the saddle; or better yet, by getting a running jump from behind, planting his hands on Ol' Flame's haunches, and landing smack in the saddle for a fast break-away. That was just Will's dream at the moment, but he would practice and do it one day! He knew he would!

Will was so excited, but he tried to keep quiet. Big Jeb did not like much talk, although he took up more time with Young Will than anyone else on Pa's spread. Silence seemed to go with the vastness of the wide Australian wilderness. The miles and hours passed slowly as they rode. The vast expanse of the bleak outback wilderness was broken only now and then by the sight of a squatter's hut in the distance or a lonely herd of cattle feeding in the bush roughage.

"Have you ever seen the Cobb & Co. Stage before, Will?", Jeb asked. Will was glad Jeb ended the silence. He was glad to talk and break the monotony.

"Nope, never have, but Pa has. He says the horses are splendid. He says it's thrilling to see them charging ahead pulling the stage. He says it is big!"

"Big! Biggest stage line in the world! I'll tell you how big it is. It stretches over thousands of miles all across Queensland from Yeulba to Surat. Those thundering horses would make anybody's blood run fast."

Will's imagination raced. "I...I might ride on that stagecoach one day!"

"Yeah! You'd like to ride, wouldn't you, Li'l Critter, along with the gold, and mail, and fancy people on board?"

"Yep", Will continued, "Or I might...I might be a driver one day! I might drive those beauties myself over the mountains, and gullies, and rivers, and plains, just like Pa tells about."

"Yeah! You might!" Jeb coaxed. "And while you are dreaming, you might as well dream you own the whole stage line. You can be like Rutherford and head up the whole company. Why, Will, did you know that Cobb & Co. harnesses 6,000 horses a day and travels 100,000 miles a week?"

That was more than Will could imagine. It seemed impossible to take in. All he could say was, "I reckon Rutherford is a powerful rich man!"

"Yep, s'pose so. I'll tell you something strange. One time Rutherford was in America traveling on a stage. He noticed some very fine harness on the team, and he asked the driver who made it.

'Oh,' the driver answered, not knowing who the passenger was, 'There's

a saddler in the next town who made it. His work is good.'

That was all Rutherford needed. When the stage stopped in the little frontier town, he ordered 500 sets of harness."

"500 sets of harness!" Will could not imagine how much work or money or even how much leather such a job would take.

"Yep, 500 sets of harness", Jeb exclaimed. "And then he went down to the local bank and deposited the money for them with orders that the saddler was to be paid when the harnesses were delivered."

Will thought about it awhile and then spoke. "I suppose that saddler worked night and day to get that order done, so he could get his money."

"Nope, he didn't," Jeb replied. "In fact, he had fallen on hard times, and things kept getting worse. At last when he had no money to pay bills and his family was in great need, he went to the bank to try to get help.

The banker was stern. 'Don't you have any orders for leather goods you could fill that would help you when they were paid?'

'No, sir,' the saddler replied.

'No big orders at all?' the banker insisted.


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"And he loved her"
by Carolyn Hobbs

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"Too Good to be True" Continued

'No, only an order from a madman from Australia. He came in and ordered 500 sets of harness, but he must have been crazy!'

'Well,' said the banker, 'he was crazy enough to leave a big check here to pay for the harness when you finished and shipped it!'

The saddler could not believe it. All the time he had been in great need the answer was there, but he did not believe the order was genuine. It seemed too good to be true!"

Will pushed his hat back in amazement and muttered, "It was just too good to be true!" Then he thought awhile. "I guess he was the one who was crazy, not Rutherford!"

The two riders fell back into silence leaving Will's mind to dwell on the strange story. The order and the payment was real, but the saddler did not believe it. Unbelief had kept him in poverty until the banker at last convinced him that the money was on hand to cover the order.

Jesus was rich, yet for our sakes became poor, and died on the cross to pay for our sins. He offers us eternal life and all the unsearchable riches of Christ, but to some people it sounds too good to be true. They go on in unbelief and sin on the road to destruction and hell. Because they do not believe the Gospel they seek salvation in false hopes, which fail. But Jesus' payment is real. His offer is sure. We need to believe His Word, take action on His promises, and move from the death and poverty of unbelief to life and riches in Christ Jesus.

Will soon found himself thinking out loud. "Seems like folks treat Jesus the same way, Jeb, as if His offer of salvation was just too good to be true."

"I was thinking the same thing, Li'l Critter, just thinking the same thing." Jeb gave his horse a nudge and picked up the pace toward Surat and the stage depot. □

The Cobb & Co. stagecoach incident is a true story related by Missionary W.A. Long

**Child, from page 1**

Satan has ever held this carrot before mankind, and in these, the last days of the Gentile Church Age, we observe the final stage of his plan as the world is being prepared for anti-christ's emergence to declare himself, a man, to be "God". This announcement will, in effect, be a declaration that all men are gods; that is, not under the rule or restraint of anyone or anything, but captains of their own fate, thus making Satan appear to have fulfilled his promise to Eve.

Servanthood, then, is despised by man but highly prized by God. According to the passage in John quoted above, two things are obvious.

1. Jesus has set the example, and we are to follow that example. (I believe that should include training our children from earliest childhood to be servants.) (John 13:15)

2. Fulfilling faithfully the role of the servant of God will bring blessedness upon ourselves and our children (John 13:17)

Paul certainly substantiates this: "For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all..." (I Corinthians 9:19a)

Start Early

First, parents must be fully convinced by the Scriptures that it is their responsibility and blessed opportunity to train their children to be servants. Next, they must seek the Lord's guidance as to how this can be accomplished relying entirely upon the instruction of the Word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As one-half of all a child will ever learn will be learned by the age of three (as per those who have studied these areas of child development), it is obvious that parents must start early and stick with this training.

I believe the starting point obviously has to be with the parent's own position of servanthood. Servants beget servants. If you, as a parent, are not willing to submit to Christ as His servant, it is highly unlikely that you will be successful with training your children to be servants.

Where Do We Begin?

Some suggested steps follow which I hope will prove helpful to the serious parents who recognize their

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All authority comes from God and is the manner in which He maintains regulation and order in His universe. Everything God created does His will, except for man, and this rejection of the Divine will in all matters is best described as "lawlessness", which is usually translated in the Scripture as "iniquity". The Devil is marked as the "lawless one" in II Thes. 2:8a ("Then shall that Wicked be revealed...").

Lawlessness, then, is total disrespect and rejection of the Divine law or will; it is the rejection of all duly constituted authority. Lawlessness says "I will", which is the very thing that Lucifer said when he determined to exalt himself above God. (Isaiah 14:13,14).

What About Bad Authority?

First, let me say that authority is not bad, but bad people and angels misuse authority. The authority given to Satan and the angels who were assigned to him was good and intended to be used for good. God did not seem to strip them of the authority He had given them, which they have used, and are still using, in an attempt to destroy His crowning creation, man, and continue to try to overthrow His plans. Jude 6a "And the angels which kept not their first estate but left their own habitation..." (This signifies not the first estate of fallen angels [A.V.] but their authoritative power, 'their own' indicating that which had been assigned to them by God, which they left, aspiring to prohibited conditions".) (Vine's Dictionary of New Testament Words.)

God permits bad authority to exist; however, He will restrict or restrain it when it ceases to work toward His praise. Psalm 76:10 "Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain."

No one can take authority from God, He assigns it; however, it can be misused. Our judgment, both as Christians and as unsaved, will be determined to a large extent, I believe, on how we have used and if we have used the authority assigned to us by God. I believe that God assigns authority for it to be exercised, and that it is sinful to sit upon authority. This is but to bury our Lord's pound, and the Scripture records His reaction to such behavior. Luke 19:20-24.

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responsibility in child rearing and are willing to commit themselves to the time and effort necessary to be successful in rearing their children to be servants, having as their longtime purpose the desire to have their children become servants of Christ.

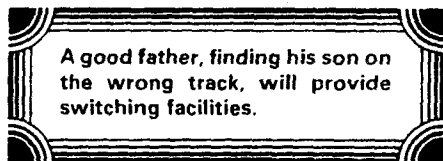
We must understand that with children the short term responsibility we have as parents is to teach our children to be servants of mankind. In the order of things, we must learn to serve those first over us in authority if we are to be prepared to serve God when we come "of age". Because children are naturally at the bottom of the authority ladder they must learn obedience in the following order:

1. Their parents
2. School Authorities
3. Civil Authorities

We must also understand that being obedient and being a servant are not the same. Obedience is the first responsibility of the servant; however, the attitude with which obedience is carried out determines our progress in servanthood. We obviously cannot neglect obedience training and hope to rear servants; therefore, bringing our children to an exact and complete obedience must be a priority in training servants.

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Worth Repeating


• A preacher who preaches an old sermon because he is too lazy to make a new sermon is not fit to be a preacher; but a preacher who should repeat a sermon because the people need to hear it again is a coward and a betrayer of Jesus Christ if he does not repeat the sermon.

• Religion is reliance. The thing on which a man relies for salvation—that is his religion. A Christian is a person who, knowing he cannot save himself, relies upon Jesus Christ and His atoning blood for salvation. **Bob Jones, Sr., D. D.** (1883-1968)



Teaching Tips

By Mrs. Doris Peppard



Trivial Pursuit?

The game, Trivial Pursuit, has brought to light an amazing fact: People enjoy knowing facts. This game, which contains many questions on a variety of subjects, became an instant "best-seller" and has led to copy-cat types of games.

We can use this "game" to encourage our pupils to learn facts beyond the curriculum. As an example, while studying the globe, my sixth grade class learned about the imaginary lines called the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn but didn't know (or guess) why they were named that. I award "brownie" points to students who go beyond the assignments to learn something new. If a student will look up the answer to a question like that, they can put the question and answer on a 3X5 card and add it to our trivia question box.

This work comes under the heading of initiative, a character trait which must be developed. There are four areas to be taught concerning a child's development of initiative.

1) First, students need to be taught to look for what needs doing. Direct class assignments are obvious to students and, of course, primary to the teacher. A servant of Christ must learn to do what is expected and then "look" for other ways to serve the Master. My mother would write out "job lists" every Saturday morning for me when I was a child. The list would look like this: Make your bed, straighten dresser, pick up toys, put clean clothes away, empty trash can. In other words, every job to be done was on the list. As I grew older the list simply had "clean bedroom." I knew what had to be done, because I'd been taught to "look" for details necessary to having a clean bedroom.

2) Sinful man's natural inclination is to try to just "get by". We must learn to fight the flesh and rise above this inclination. My oldest son took piano lessons. When his practice time was up, he would quit - even if he were in the middle of a piece. He had done what was required of him and no more. This attitude is prevalent in all aspects of society. If we can teach our students to go the extra mile, they will have an added dimension of service to give their boss as well as the Lord.

3) Teachers must work hard to make sure their students do not develop the habit of covering up sloppy work. In order for students to develop initiative, they must be taught that first of all, "It is a sin to do less than your best." The Hymn, Our Best, by S.C. Kirk could be used to teach this principle:

Hear ye the Master's call,
"Give Me thy best!"

For be it great or small,
That is His test.
Do then the best you can,
Not for reward,
Not for the Praise of man,
But for the Lord.

Every work for Jesus will be blest,
But He asks from ev'ryone his best.
Our talents may be few,
These may be small,
But unto Him is due our best,
our all.

4) We need to stress that our work please God, the teacher, and the parents. Children can get an "inside-the-heart" reward by doing above and beyond the call of duty. Personal satisfaction in knowing the results of your labor pleased others is a type of reward. Teachers should go out of their way to recognize initiative in their students. Treats, stickers, and other positive reinforcements never will have the same effect on students as public recognition or a well earned pat on the back for a job well done.

Teaching young people in Christian school is no "trivial pursuit". Children's souls are at stake. The teachers who "go the extra mile" for students are demonstrating the initi-

ative principle in real life, and their students will be blessed by it.

Let's do the extra required to show initiative in our own service and allow the Lord to use us this year for His will. □



By Tod Brainard

REVIVAL GOD'S WAY

Many articles have appeared recently in Christian periodicals and newspapers expressing the desperate need for revival in Fundamental Churches of America. This need is indeed a concern of the heart for many pastors and preachers, but there is also a sense of frustration prevalent among many ministers of the Word because revival has not become a reality within their churches.

This writer does not pretend to know the mind of the Lord concerning why revival has not come, but there are two areas directly related to revival that the minister must understand in light of Scripture.

Get Into God's Word

The first area of understanding is that revival only comes when the people of God get into His Word.

During the early reign of Josiah, Judah was found deep in the mire of idolatry. Josiah, a righteous king, desired to repair the temple of the Lord and restore worship in Judah. It was at this time that Hilkiah, the high priest, found the Book of the Law and by way of Shaphan, the scribe, brought it to Josiah. As Shaphan read the Word of God, Josiah rent his clothes for he saw just how far Judah had drifted from God.

The revival that took place under Josiah was tremendous. Josiah sent to a prophetess to "enquire of the Lord..concerning the words of this book that is found." II Kings 22:12,13. His heart was tender toward the Word and he desired to know God's mind concerning what was read. Later, we read in II Kings 23:1-3 that the Word was read to all the people of Jerusalem and a great return to the Lord and His way was manifest that day.

Revival did not turn people to the blessed Word, but rather the Word of God brought about revival in their hearts and lives. We often get the cart before the horse in this matter of revival.

Now, God does prepare the heart for revival. The great revival that took place during Hezekiah's reign is an example. Hezekiah rejoiced in II Chronicles 29:36b "that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly." There is no doubt that God did a work of preparation, but God can only work in preparable hearts that have yielded to His Word.

The evidence of a revived heart is produced by a life saturated in the Word of Truth. The Psalmist cried out in Psalm 119:25 "My soul cleaveth unto the dust; quicken (revive) thou me according to thy word."

Individual Revival

The second understanding must be that revival will not come until men and women will to have revival in their own hearts and lives. God will not "let the fire fall" when His people are not interested in burning.

Nehemiah saw revival in the people of Jerusalem after the Word was read distinctly, the sense was given, and the people understood the reading. (Nehemiah 8:8) The people then bowed their wills to God (Nehemiah 8:9) in repentance and a wonderful revival took place. (Nehemiah 8:10 - 9:3)

The Word of God confronts the will of man in all spiritual matters. There must be a willingness to have revival in one's heart. God's preparation of that heart only comes in relation to the believer's willingness to be revived. We must never forget the personal responsibility of the believer in this matter.

The need for revival is, indeed, a burden upon the hearts of militant, fundamental pastors and preachers across the land.

The Word of God must go forth in power from our pulpits directed by the Holy Spirit. Let us admonish the people of God to get into the Word, for there is found the truth of God, the needed flame to ignite the heart of the believer. □

*Love sent my Lord
to the cross of shame,
Love found a way,
O praise His holy name!*

News of Interest to Fundamentalists

New Associations?

The Abarim Evangelistic Association announced their twenty-fourth annual Foreign Field Conference staged for January 29 - February 2 of 1990. The conference speakers included Tim Lee, Gary Coleman, Raymond Barber, Boy Taylor (former pastor of Campus Church - Pensacola Christian College, now pastoring in Indianapolis), Bill Pennell, and music director and song writer Lindsey Terry. The conference bulletin declared this event to be the "Best Bible Conference of the Year!" The bulletin went on to say that Abarim Evangelistic Association presented "leading conference speakers in the fellowships of Fundamental Baptists".

Combining Talents

By: Dr. Allen P. Dickerson

Some of the leading preachers in the Southwide Baptist Fellowship and the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship of America combined their preaching talents to make the Sword of the Lord Conference on Revival and Soulwinning, held July 10 - 14, on the campus of Bob Jones University, in the estimation of many, the best Sword Conference ever.

Up until recently there has been quite a difference between the Southwide Baptist Fellowship, which has always had a history of being soft on ecclesiastical separation and the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship, which hitherto has taken a strong stand on ecclesiastical separation.

According to the August 1 issue of the "Biblical Evangelist", Dr. Jack Hyles was canceled from speaking in the Sword Conference by Bob Jones University, apparently because of the multiplicity of incriminating allegations that have surfaced from what appears to be reliable sources, thus casting a dark shadow over Hyles' credibility.

But the Sword of the Lord still endorses, promotes and appears to be 100% behind the ministry of Dr. Hyles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana.

What strange days we are living in. I never cease to marvel at the confusion that has settled like a deep fog upon the ranks of Biblical Fundamentalism. Where do we go from here? What does the future hold for Fundamentalism as a movement?

Ecclesiastical separation is without a doubt an endangered species. History bears the record that when men and movements depart from ecclesiastical separation, they rarely, if ever return.

Brethren, we must be sure that our loyalty is anchored to the Word of God, and that we pray as never before. (Copied; The Marantha)

Is Dr. Lee Roberson A Fundamentalist?

Dr. Lee Roberson was for over 40 years pastor of the large Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga, and is founder and chancellor of Tennessee Temple University. Though a gracious Christian gentleman, his stance in the battle for the faith and ecclesiastical separation has been mostly one of silence and neutrality. He has had many Southern Baptists and New Evangelicals in his pulpit, and led his church to support missionaries linked to a variety of new-evangelical mission boards. In a 1981 TTU 35th Anniversary booklet he wrote: "I have no trouble with Southern Baptists..(my) greatest enemies have not been Southern Baptists...nor the Catholics... The enemies, the ones who fight and cause the greatest difficulty, are those who are on my side." He said II Corinthians 6:17 referred to separation from the world. He amazingly commended pro-Marxist apostate M.L. King in a 1978 sermon marking the 10th anniversary of King's death. He congratulated Jerry Falwell and his co-authors in 1981 concerning "The Fundamentalist Phenomenon" book which called for Fundamentalists to unite with (New) Evangelicals. Roberson said, "I am honored that my name was mentioned in the dedication." But a year or so ago he convinced some Fundamentalist leaders that he was now in "our" camp, and spoke in some Fundamentalist pulpits. But, alas, we now see him teamed up with W.A. Criswell and New Evangelicals at Tim Lee's conference. Dr. Roberson needs to decide. A Biblical Fundamentalist does not go on consorting with New Evangelicals. We pray he will cease being a "bridge" to compromise and use his vast influence to warn others. (Calvary Contender)

Dr. Charles Stanley, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is a slated speaker at the "Atlanta Fest" religious rock festival to be held June 15 - 17 in Atlanta. Featured musicians include religious rock groups

such as "Bash 'N The Code." "Mylon and Brokenheart," "BeBe & CeCe Winans," and others. Other speakers include charismatic James Robison and Joshua McDowell of ecumenical-oriented Campus Crusade for Christ. (The Servant)



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Absolute Vs Delegated Authority

Only God has absolute and unrestricted authority. He alone has all wisdom, all knowledge, and is everywhere present, and He alone has absolute power. It is a joy to remember that the God who holds such power only administers it in love. Authority, love, longsuffering, mercy and grace all flow from the same Almighty hand.

All other authority is delegated authority. All delegated authority in reality comes from the God who has absolute authority; therefore, delegated authority carries the same potency as absolute authority. Delegated authority is simply restricted to the area and the degree to which it is entrusted.

Jesus' authority is delegated authority. As the Second Adam and man's representative at the right hand of the Father, the man Christ Jesus has been given all authority in heaven and in earth. (Matthew 28:18). Acts 17:31b "...he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained..."

Delegated Authority Areas

There are four basic areas of authority delegated to man. Our responsibility in every area carries with it the omnipotence of God; however, we are to magnify our offices, not ourselves. Romans 11:13- "For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office:"

The Sovereign Individual

Individuals are created in the image and likeness of God. This truth gives worth to all individuals, and this truth makes it a capital crime for one person to purposely take the life of another. This is the reason for the Christian's support of the death penalty for capital crimes, not because the death penalty is a deterrent to crime.

No one can violate your person without your permission; that is, no one can cause you to sin or to violate your conscience. The body of an individual may be violated;

however, if it is against a person's will, so expressed, the person, the real you, is not guilty of sin.

Every individual is accountable to God and will one day give an account of himself. (Romans 14:12)

The Individual Home

The second area of authority is the individual home. The first institution God established for the welfare of the race was the home. This unit was created by the union of a man and a woman to become one flesh. God set those two individuals, Adam and Eve, into this relationship and the Scriptures clearly establish the areas of authority within the home in order that the home may be a place of blessing to all who are members, and a source of praise, honor, and glory to the God who established it.

Fathers are to exercise, in love, the authority given them; wives are to fulfill faithfully those authority areas assigned to them; and the children, if God chooses to give them, are to be under obedience to their parents as a training ground for future obedience to God. Scriptures for study: Genesis 3:16, Ephesians 5:22-24; Ephesians 6:1,2; I Tim. 3:4,12.

Civil Government

God has established civil government for the purpose of providing an environment that is peaceful and conducive to doing what is right. It has the responsibility of punishing evil doers and is the only institution established by God that has been given the authority to take human life. Genesis 9:6, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man (corporate) shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Notice again that the reason for the death penalty is because man was created in the image of God. Capital punishment is the cornerstone of civil government.

The end of all civil government is to glorify God and benefit man. A bad government is better than no government at all. Anarchy, or lawlessness, works on the principle of "might makes right", and the strongest takes from the weak. Thank God for civil government, and pray for those who are over you in authority.

The Church

I don't intend to get involved in a debate over church government and

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how things should be ordered in the local church; suffice it to say that God expects those in places of authority in the church to fulfill their responsibilities in order for the local assembly to function as it ought, and He expects those under the authority of those in Scriptural places of leadership to be in obedience. Hebrews 13:7 - "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation." Hebrews 13:17 - "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you."

The Word of God is to be the rule for faith and practice in our lives. The practice part of that statement is the problem today, I believe. Millions profess to have faith, but few allow the Word of God to rule their lives, submitting in genuine obedience to its' authority.

Neo-evangelicism rises up at this point, for their weak position in other areas begins with their weak position as to the authority of the Scriptures over their lives.

The Mystery of Iniquity

Paul said in his day that the mystery of iniquity (lawlessness) was already at work. The Devil's plan for preparing the world for the man of sin (lawlessness) is to undermine the authority of every area that God has established for the maintenance of a lawful society in which the work of the ministry of the gospel could be carried on. As Satan has succeeded in removing authority from these four areas we have suggested; the individual, the home, civil government, and the church, he has been successful in substituting lawlessness for the administration of duly constituted authority, and when the Devil's work is complete the Man of Lawlessness will be revealed. This, in fact, is the Apostasy, the falling away mentioned in II Thes. 2:3. When God's authority is removed, then God is effectually removed from the day to day life of mankind.

It is my belief that we are much deeper into the Apostasy than many believe. Fundamentalism has already fallen away, by and large. It has a form of godliness but denies the power thereof. It is only a shell; the heart is gone. When the rapture takes place there will be no headlines of millions missing, (possibly an article here and there in local

papers), for they will be hardly missed. The headlines will be carrying the news of peace settlements and peace initiatives along with other news of anti-christ's exploits, while the absence of a few (comparatively) trouble makers will be ignored for the most part.

Remove authority and you effectively remove God from the lives of the people. We have an authority crisis in America today.

Crisis In Education

Teaching methods have been the primary means of removing authority from the classroom. Methods that have come about as a result of man's determination that man is not a sinner but a product of an evolutionary process have filled the textbooks of public education for several generations. Each new method has been more aggressive in attacking the structure of authority. The old methods of a society based upon the precepts of the Word of God, such as memorization, drill, lecture, repetition, etc., have been replaced by methods that question the values of past generations and mount an ever increasing attack upon the authority structure of Biblical education.

Some of the methods include:

1. The Inquiry Method - This method denies the use of a standard to judge truth or falsehood but requires the student to question everything. He must reject absolutes in doing so.

2. The Discovery Method - This method rejects the idea of any revelation or acceptance of someone else's authority. All truth must be discovered for one's self.

3. Learning by Doing - Actually this should be called learning by experiencing for that was what Dewey meant. The Bible teaches "Learning in order to do" (Deut. 5:1) not "experiencing in order to learn".

4. Values Clarification - This method teaches the children a procedure for determining for themselves what their values are or should be, thus rejecting the values of home and church.

There are many more and newer methods being developed every year, and you can be sure that they all have one purpose: removing authority from children's lives and thereby removing God's influence over them. The fear of God is effectively eliminated from the child's life, and the

One who has absolute authority over life and death, heaven and hell, is not known by them.

"Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him." Luke 12:5

(To be continued...)



George Muller's advice to those who desired to know the will of God:

1. Be slow to take new steps in the Lord's service, or in your business, or in your families. Weigh every thing well; weigh all in the light of the Holy Scriptures, and in the fear of God.

2. Seek to have no will of your own, in order to ascertain the mind of God regarding any steps you propose to take; so that you can honestly say you are willing to do the will of God, if He will only instruct you.

3. But when you have found out what the will of God is, seek for His help, and seek it earnestly, perseveringly, patiently, believingly, expectantly, and you will surely, in His own time and way obtain it.

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